



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

Subject of Request: WALLACE D. FORD

FOIPA No. 351980 /190-

Dear Dear

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(See Form 4-694a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, 473 page(s) were reviewed and 444 page(s) are being released.

During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which

☒ originated with another Government agency(ies).

These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

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May 16, 1957

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NATION OF ISLAM
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During the recent Chicago Office inspection conducted during the period April 23 through May 10, 1957, a suggestion memo was prepared relating to the case entitled "NATION OF ISLAM, IS - NOI." The inspector, after reviewing this file, made the following suggestions:

"From a review of instant file it does not appear that there has been a concerted effort to locate and fully identify W. D. FARD. Inasmuch as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD recognizes W. D. FARD as being ALLAH (God) and claims that FARD is the source of all of his teachings, it is suggested that an exhaustive effort be made to fully identify and locate W. D. FARD and/or members of his family. It appears that FARD may have been of Arabian descent, rather than an American Negro, and may have spent some time in Arabia or the Middle East. Passport and visa records might be productive in this regard.

"It is also suggested that all available information be obtained regarding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's arrest on April 16, 1934, in Detroit for 'contributing to the delinquency of a minor.' Inasmuch as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the spiritual leader of subject organization, it is believed that this information, together with identification records, police records and complete background data (including activities prior to 1930) on both ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and W. D. FARD would be of value to the office of origin and auxiliary offices in interviews with local members and efforts to develop informants. When this data has been fully developed, it is suggested it be incorporated in an organizational report for dissemination to all auxiliary offices.

"It is further suggested that a separate file be opened on W. D. FARD."

1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

① - 100-new (W. D. FARD)

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SA [REDACTED] will promptly conduct a thorough file review on W. D. FARD and will incorporate in a memorandum all pertinent information available concerning this individual. This memorandum will be utilized in determining logical investigative steps which should be initiated immediately. 67c

SA [REDACTED] will take immediate steps to determine full facts surrounding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's arrest in Detroit on April 16, 1934.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (25-20607)
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM 62
IS - NOI

DATE: 7-1-57

[REDACTED] PSI, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to the writer in person on June 5, 1957, a two-page handwritten report concerning an NOI meeting held on June 2, 1957 at Muhammad's Temple #2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago. Informant also on June 2, 1957, furnished oral information concerning this same meeting in addition to his written report which, when reduced to writing, amounts to four pages. This four-page statement was read to the informant and he initialed each page and advised that this oral information provided by him was true and correct to the best of his knowledge. Informant's written report and oral report can be located in A [REDACTED] 67g

Informant advised that he arrived at the Temple at about 3:15 where he went through the same routine concerning being searched. After being searched, he was led into the Temple where

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1 - A) [REDACTED] 67d
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
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① - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)

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FD-160 (7-20-55)

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

5/15/57

Subject

W.D. FARD, W.D. FARAD, W.D. FARRARD

Aliases

W.D. FARAD, W.D. FARRAD

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

unknown

☐ Exact Spelling

☒ All References

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W.D. Fard

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Subject

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WALLACE J. FORID

W. D. FORD

Birthplace

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

Subject

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

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<i>100-9129-63</i>	<i>The Prophet</i>		
<i>100-6989</i>	<i>need serial number</i>		
<i>100-9129-128</i>	<i>FD 54 sent to Ben 2/43</i>		
<i>100-8458-18 p.6</i>	<i>6026 Vernon, Cyp 8/42</i>		
<i>" 6989 - 60 p.3</i>			
<i>" 9129-2 p.17</i>			
<i>A. Wallard</i>			
<i>100-11516-21 p.24</i>			
<i>W.D. Ford</i>			
<i>100-29481-139 p.8</i>			

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TO: CHIEF CLERK 0 Date 5/15/57

Subject WALLACE D. FARD, W.F. MUHAMMAD or MOHAMMED,

Aliases WALLACE FARD MUHAMMAD or MOHAMMED

Address unknown Birth Date Birthplace

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100-9129-138	FD 5916 Bureau 2/4/5		
100-6989	mail sent to incomplete		
100-8458-18p6	6026 Vernon Ave, Cgo (8/4/5)		
100-6989-60p3	not mentioned		
100-9129-2p17			
100-11506-531p24	destroyed 4/15/57		
25-30607-1830p3	W.F. Muhammad, 7000		
100-8458-78p5	deceased in 1935		
2-0-19930	sent anonymous letter to Honolulu, Hawaii		
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TO: CHIEF CLERK

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Subject

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

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W. F. Mohammed			
25-20607-1148 (3)	3/55	824/C 4/3rd St. (p. 15)	
100-9139-2 p. 17			
100-8458-18 p. 7	CH E. 5th St. (8/43)		
100-6989	need serial # incomplete		
25-20607-387 p. 31 (3)	6/53		
100-11566-531 p. 24	12/52	distributed 4-5	
Wali Mohammed			
25-5888-1B. 8-5-91	Sandysville, Mo.	100-6989-16 p. 3	OK
25-20607-88 p. 13			
25-20607-118 p. 20			
W. D. Mohammed			
25-20607-87 p. 5			
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<i>Wallace Mohammed</i>			
<i>[REDACTED] ① 4/54</i>		<i>[REDACTED]</i>	
	<i>W.S.</i>	<i>[REDACTED]</i>	
<i>[REDACTED] ① 11/52</i>		<i>[REDACTED]</i>	
<i>NI 20607-187-27 ② 5/55</i>		<i>copy 10/55</i>	
<i>Walli Mohammed</i>			
<i>[REDACTED] 1/54</i>		<i>[REDACTED] 5-27-57</i>	
<i>[REDACTED] changed</i>		<i>[REDACTED] ①</i>	
<i>Wallace Mohammed</i>		<i>W.S.</i>	
<i>[REDACTED] (1942)</i>		<i>[REDACTED] (a child) ①</i>	
<i>4. Mohammed-ali</i>			
<i>100-9129-59</i>			
<i>Farrad Mohammed</i>			
<i>100-9129-163</i>			
<i>9129-60</i>			

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Subject GREAT MAHOI

Aliases MAHOI

Address Sanborn Birth Date Birthplace

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<u>Ali. F. Mohammed</u>			
<u>100-9129-58</u>			
<u>Ali. F. Mohammed</u>			
<u>100-9129-103</u>			
<u>Ali. Mohammed</u>			
<u>100-13933-40 p. 10</u>	<u>no ident info (3/4/5)</u>		
<u>Farand</u>			
<u>100-9129-62</u>			
<u>[REDACTED]</u>			
<u>[REDACTED] * dx (1934) SA applicant - had law degree lived in</u>			
<u>Wallace Blake Ford</u>			
<u>100-15624 * no ident data</u>			

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-33683)

DATE: 7-3-57

FROM : [REDACTED] Correlation Clerk

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, Was. Wali Farrad,
Wallace Farad, Wallie D. Ford,
Wallace Don Fard, Wali Mohammed,
Farrad Mohammed, F. Mohammed-Ali,
Mohammed F. Ali
 INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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ATTENTION: SA [REDACTED]

This memo contains all identical and questionable security and criminal.

The agent should note that in file 25-5888, it is reported that the Detroit office is in possession of a photograph of subject W. D. FARD.

62 I. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

[REDACTED]
100-12624-1

62c This is a report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7-5-43 at Salt Lake City, subject: [REDACTED] was.

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 [REDACTED]
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100-6989-16 p.3

[REDACTED] Milwaukee, in a signed statement on 5-14-42 witnessed by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Washington, D.C. advised that he accepted MY OWN, which is Islam, in 1931 at Detroit, Michigan at which time he met Allah, also known to him as W. D. FARAD, "The Lord of the Worlds".

6) WILLIE MOHAMMED, 9536 Cameron, Detroit, Michigan

25-5888-1

WILLIE MOHAMMED, 9536 Cameron, Detroit advised SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 7-3-42 that he was born 8-5-91 near Sandersville, Ga.

It should be noted that the subject of this file is WILLIE MOHAMMED, WAS. WILLIE POOLE, WALI MOHAMMED.

WILLIE MOHAMMED advised that he met WALLACE D. FARAD in Detroit in 1931. WALLACE D. FARAD at that time was the leader and organizer of the Islam religion in Detroit. In 1933 or 1934, according to MOHAMMED, WALLACE D. FARAD was arrested by the Detroit PD and a short time thereafter left the community. None of the members of the Islam Temple #1 at Detroit have heard from WALLACE D. FARAD (Allah) since he left Detroit and they have no idea where he is at the present time. WILLIE advised that he had been acting minister of the Temple of Islam in Detroit since 1937 and DIVARD FARAD, the secretary, had been secretary since 1934.

A photograph of WALLACE D. FARAD taken by the Detroit PD in 1933 was exhibited to WILLIE MOHAMMED who immediately identified the picture as being "My Sweet Savior, My All Powerful Allah".

WILLIE admitted being a blood brother of PROPHET ELIJAH who was under arrest in Washington, D.C. under the name of GULAM HOGANS charged with violation of the Selective Service for counseling, aiding and abetting evasion of registration for service as required under the act. WILLIE refused to sign a statement which was prepared by the agents.

[REDACTED] (no address given)

6) 100-9129-2 p.17

[REDACTED] on 8-7-42 in a signed statement witnessed by SA [REDACTED] at Chicago advised that he joined the Moslem Temple in [REDACTED]. He stated that W. D. FARAD was the Supreme Being and head of the organization. At that time of the statement, [REDACTED] advised that FARAD was in the Holy City of Mecca and was

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last seen by [REDACTED] in 1932 or 1933. He stated that he was a veteran of the First World War but did not register for Selective Service because of the teachings of W. D. FARAD.

Unknown Source

100-8458-18 p.6,7 42

This is a report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8-13-42 at Chicago. A review of the file 100-6989 reflects that the main chapter of the Moslem Temple of Islam is located at 104 E. 51st St., Chicago. Among the officers and most active in this chapter was listed as:

W. D. FARD
6026 Vernon Avenue
Chicago

42 (This address was from a non-postmarked letter from [REDACTED] (no address) 3-16-42 requesting that his slave name be removed and his original name of "X" given)

W. F. MOHAMMED
104 E. 51st St.
Chicago

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

Credit Report

100-8458-137 42

This is a memo of SA [REDACTED] dated 8-13-42 at Chicago re: FOREIGN INFLUENCE AMONG AMERICAN NEGROES.

In an attempt to obtain further information regarding organizations and their leaders who are suspected of subversive tendencies among the negroes, credit ratings were checked at Hill's Reports, Chicago. The name of WALLACE FARAD was checked with negative results.

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

OUSHA APPACCANIS (no address given)

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67c 100-8458-78 p.5

OUSHA APPACCANIS on 9-9-42 advised SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Detroit that he was National Executive Secretary of the Development of Our Own which he described as a "Mohammedan Organization". APPACCANIS stated that his organization has existed since about 1935 when he joined the ranks of the followers of the organization which was at that time under the leadership of MOHAMMED. Since the death of MOHAMMED in 1935, APPACCANIS stated that he had difficulty holding the membership of the organization together.

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

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100-9129-63

This is an ONI Rating Report dated 10-13-42 as furnished to the Chicago Office. It contained the following information:

WALI FARRAD, Was.
Mr. FARD, The Prophet,
W. D. FARD, FARAUD(?),
PROFESSOR FORD, FARRAD MOHAMMED,
F. MOHAMMED-ALI

The subject was the founder of Nation of Islam, negro Mohammedan Cult of which Temple of Allah, pro-Japanese negro organization, is the outgrowth. He resided in Detroit during the same years as SATAKATA TAKAHASHI, negro organizer and agent of the Black Dragon Society of Japan. The exact origin of the subject's cult is uncertain. Reported as "the Prophet" and founder of the cult, the subject made his first appearance among the negroes of Detroit as a peddler. Like other Arab and Syrian peddlers, he went from house to house carrying his wares. He sold these and his hearers on his teachings; conducted small meetings of those interested; and finally "assumed the role of Prophet". He is quoted by early members as saying "My name is W. D. FARD and I come from the Holy City of Mecca. More about myself I will not tell you yet for the time has not yet come." The subject lived in Detroit from 7/4/30 to 6/30/34. His present whereabouts is not known. The alias of Faraud is doubtful.

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See description under
100-9129-63 above for
all these references.

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100-9129-163 p.1,2

This is a Topical Study Memo dated 5-17-43 by the U.S. Naval Intelligence Service, 9th Naval District, subject: ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM.

The founder of the cult who said his name was W. D. FARD is said to have come from the "East" and is referred to as Allah by members of the organization. A "peddler" who "came from the East" founded the Allah Temple of Islam in Detroit, Michigan sometime between 1930 and 1932. This individual stated his name was W. D. FARD but he was more commonly known as Mr. WALI FARRAD. Other names used by him included Professor FORD, Mr. FARRAD MOHAMMED and Mr. F. MOHAMMED ALI. FARD first presented his views from house to house gaining entry by means of the attractive wares he displayed.

Next, a group of people was invited to one of the houses visited by him so that all might hear the story in which there was so much interest. The "peddler" later assumed the role of prophet. During the early period of his ministry, he used the Bible as his textbook. It was the only religious book with which the majority of his hearers were familiar. With growing prestige over a consistently increasing group, the prophet became bolder in his denunciation of the Caucasians and began to attack the teachings of the Bible.

As the following of the prophet grew, a change to temple services and the development of subsidiary organizations became necessary. With the crystallization of the cult activities into a formal movement, FARD placed the entire organization under a Minister of Islam and a corps of assistant ministers, all of whom had been selected and trained by the prophet. Then suddenly he disappeared from Detroit on 6-30-34.

The prophet utilized to the fullest measure the environment of his followers, most of whom were recent migrants from the rural South. It was explained that recommended books and addresses were symbolic and could be understood only through the interpretation which FARD himself would give at the temple services. When, early in the organization's development, the Koran was introduced as the most authoritative source for the study of the new faith, the prophet used only the Arabic text which he translated and explained to the believers. Thus, he had sole access to their original Holy Book.

It is generally believed by members of the cult that FARD was educated in a college in England in preparation for a diplomatic career in the service of the Kingdom of Hejaz but that he abandoned everything to "bring freedom, justice and equality" to his "uncle" (the American negro), living in the "wilderness of North America, surrounded and robbed completely by the cave man". Official 00017

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the cult estimate that FARD attracted a following of 8000 negroes.

Form FD-59

100-9129-128

This is a form FD-59 dated 2-9-43 re: ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, WA., ETAL, on WALLACE DON FARD, Was. W. D. Fard, Allah; FBI #56062.

Criminal Record

100-9129-142

This is a criminal record for WALLACE DON FARD, FBI #56062 in answer to Chicago letter dated 2-9-43. The record went back as far as 11/17/18 through 5/25/33. Following is a description from print #45158, Detroit PD:

Color	- White	Build	- Slim
Sex	- Male	Hair	- Black
Age	- 33 in 1933	Eyes	- Maroon
Weight	- 127#	Nationality	- Arabian
Height	- 5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "		

Additional information appearing in the FBI files include:

Birthplace - Oregon
Occupation - Cook
Nationality - American
Complexion - Dark
Scars & Marks - Sm Scr bk left hand
Blk Mole right side of stomach

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[REDACTED]
100-6989-60 p.3 67

[REDACTED] on 10-12-53 advised SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that at a meeting of the Temple of Islam on 10-9-53, LUCIUS 2X (BROWN) described his days as a Baptist minister prior to his conversion to Islam under ELIJAH MOHAMMED. He stated that the truth about Christianity was brought to this country by the originator of Islam, W. D. FERRAUD, who then taught it to ELIJAH MOHAMMED who in turn risked his life to teach it to the other enslaved original people in North America.

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ALEXANDER T. McCONE, COLONEL, Fifth Army, Chicago

25-20607-21 p.2,3

ALEXANDER T. McCONE, Colonel, GSC, Headquarters Fifth Army, 1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago on 12-13-50 furnished to the Chicago office a summary of information dated 12-12-50 on MOSLEMS HOLY TEMPLE OF ISLAM, DETROIT BRANCH.

In 1930 a man calling himself W. D. FARD took over a group of negroes that had been organized by another negro named NOBLE D. OLLIE as a Moslem Islamite group. This group practiced the Moslem religion.

W. D. FERAUD claimed that he was the originator of the Development of Our Own and the Moslem Temple of Islam Cult and cited as proof a book that had been copyrighted by him in the U.S. Library of Congress titled "5 Guiding Principals". He is possibly identical with the W. D. FARD of the police report quoted in the above paragraph. In 1934, W. D. FARD was given police notice to get out of Detroit. He left. However, there were reports that he continued to make trips into Detroit to keep in touch with the Moslem movement there.

In 1934, a member of the group was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of minors by not permitting children of the Islamites to attend public schools. The defense was that the children of the organization attended the University of Islam.

67c 100-29481-139 p.8

67c [REDACTED] on 4-12-57 was interviewed by SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the vicinity of his employment, 2301 S. Paulina, Chicago. He stated that he joined the Temple of Islam (NOI) in Chicago sometime in [REDACTED] the exact date unrecalled. In 1933, he observed a poster on the west side of Chicago announcing a meeting and decided to see what it was about. He said that at that time and at subsequent meetings, he met Allah who at that time used the name of W. D. FARD, the founder of the Nation of Islam, and heard him speak and predict that he (Allah) would destroy America. [REDACTED] stated that sometime in 1934, Allah (W. D. FARD) disappeared and he does not know his present whereabouts. WEBB stated that he received his original name "KARRIEM ALLAH" in 1934 from Allah.

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47 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Chicago on 5-23-57 was interviewed by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He stated that in about 1930, WALLACE D. FARD, Allah, the Living Supreme Being, went to Detroit from Mecca. While in Detroit, FARD instructed ELIJAH MUHAMMAD to be his prophet in the United States. FARD later moved to Chicago where he lived until about 1933, at which time he returned to Mecca.

47 [REDACTED] stated that Muslims believe that FARD, the Supreme Being, will return to the U.S. during their lifetime to lead all true Muslims to the promised land. When FARD returns to the U.S., the world will be engaged in the final conflict, the "War of Armegeddon" which will be the war with all the white races united fighting all the people of the dark skinned races. He stated that when FARD returns to the U.S., the white man will be the enemy of the Muslims and he [REDACTED] will follow instructions of FARD, even to harm the white man or the white man's government.

United Committee of South Slavic Americans

42 670 [REDACTED] 100-13953-40 p.10
[REDACTED] on 4-13-44 advised an unknown agent that MEHMED ALI, a member of the American Hercegovinian Bosnian Musselman Club, had contributed to the United Committee of South Slavic Americans.

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

United Public Workers

42 670 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on 5-31-50 furnished to SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] a list of members of Chicago Post Office Local #248, United Public Workers. This list was dated 5/49 and contained the name W. FORT.

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

The following file was not available for review:

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Ed. Lee [unclear] Calif.	[unclear] ✓	1/17/32	[unclear]	rel
[unclear]	[unclear] ✓	2/12/26	State. Polv. Act	[unclear] 6/25/35. [unclear]
[unclear]	[unclear] ✓	3/15/30	[unclear]	5-26-33 disch by Supt on chg of inv (dis person)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

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Director.

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The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Waller Ford, #18448		Los Angeles, Calif., WA, sale	
	\$400. or 180 lbs.			
	Waller Ford, #18448		Los Angeles, Calif., WA, poss.	5/4/26.
	\$1. or 1 car 3/4/26.			

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: As Wallace Don Fard, w/as W. D. Fard, "Wallah", for quest. per Section, Internal Security (S) SS, Notify BPD, Chicago, Ill, their file #100-9123, per inf rec therefrom 2-13-43. Cu. File # not given. Also notify Supervisor Internal Security. NO LONGER WANTED per inf rec Div 5 11-8-55.</p>			
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IDENTIFICATION RECORD REQUEST
FD-9 (6-21-55)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be submitted in legible hand-printing.
2. Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.
3. Make effort to furnish FBI Identification Number or Law Enforcement Identification Number.
Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI Number not available.

5. Indicate office for reply in lower-left corner only. Also list in lower-left corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of revised FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.
6. Do not fill in block in lower-right corner.
7. Where available furnish Law Enforcement Identification Number and Military Service Number.

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Date

Re

WALLACE DON FARD

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name

WALLACE DON FARD

FBI No. 56062

Other No. Detroit, Mich. PD #45158

Aliases

W. D. Farad, Wallace Farad

Sex

Race

Birth Date

Birthplace

Residence

Height

Weight

Build

Hair

Eyes

Complexion

Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Also Furnish:



Photo



Fingerprints



Handwriting Specimens

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Return Reply to:

SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

Send Copies To:

Identification Division's Reply

☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:



Criminal Files



Noncriminal Files



All Files



Record Attached



Photo Attached



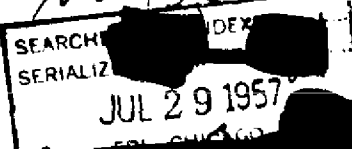
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SAC, DETROIT [REDACTED]

July 31, 1957

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

W.D. FARD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
OO: Chicago

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As a result of a recent inspection of the Chicago Office, it was suggested that a concerted effort be made to determine the whereabouts of W.D. FARD, reportedly the founder of the Nation of Islam (NOI). According to speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National Leader of the NOI, "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W.D. FARD and taught him for 3 years concerning Islam. According to MUHAMMAD, FARD was arrested by the Detroit Police Department in 1933, and shortly thereafter was asked to leave Detroit by the police department. MUHAMMAD claims that FARD continued to teach Islam in Chicago until 1934, at which time FARD disappeared and nothing about him has been heard since this time.

The files of the Chicago Office indicate that W.D. FARD, as WALLACE DON FARD, FBI # 56062, was arrested as WALLACE FARAD by the Detroit, Michigan Police Department on May 25, 1933, their number 45138, on a charge of INV. No disposition was given.

The Identification Record for FARD also indicates that he was arrested by the Los Angeles, California Police Department as WALLIE FORD, their number 16448, on November 17, 1918, on a charge of ADW. No disposition was given.

2-Detroit [REDACTED] (RM)
2-Los Angeles (RM)
2-San Francisco (RM)
2-Chicago (100-33683)

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This record also indicates that FARD was received at the State Prison, San Quentin, California, as WALLIE D. FORD, their number 42314, on June 26, 1926 on a charge of VIOL. POIS Act. Disposition given 0 to 6 years, May 26, 1933, DISCH.

Other entries on the FBI Identification Record are WALLIE #16448, Los Angeles, California, WA, sale, \$4.00 or 180 days; WALLIE FORD, #16448, Los Angeles, California, WA, POSS, March 4, 1926, \$1.00 or 1 day, March 4, 1926. Additional aliases listed are WALLACE FORD and W.D. FARAD.

The following is a description as furnished by the Detroit Police Department, their number 45138:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	33 years in 1933
Weight	127 pounds
Height	5'6 1/2"
Build	Slim
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazoon
Nationality	Arabian

According to the FBI Identification Record, additional information in the files of the Bureau indicate birth place as Oregon, occupation cook, nationality American, complexion dark, scars and marks, small scar back of left hand, black mole right side of stomach.

Detroit is requested to review the indices of their Office for any pertinent information concerning W.D. FARD or WALLACE DON FARD, WALLACE FARAD. Detroit is also requested to review records of the Detroit Police Department, their number 45138, and ascertain circumstances concerning FARD's arrest on May 25, 1933 and disposition thereof, and to furnish Chicago a photograph if available.

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Los Angeles is requested to review Los Angeles Police Department record number 16448, and advise Chicago of the circumstances surrounding the arrest of FARD for ADW and disposition thereof. It is also requested that a photograph if available, be furnished.

San Francisco is requested to contact officials at San Quentin Prison and review their file #42314, and advise Chicago circumstances surrounding the incarceration of FARD, and if available, furnish a photograph.

It is requested that all Offices receiving copies of this letter be furnished the requested information by letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD
SM - NOI
OO: Chicago

DATE: 8/26/57

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Re Chicago letter to Detroit, 7/31/57.

Records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and Los Angeles Police Department were caused to be searched by SE [REDACTED] on 8/12/57 and the following information was obtained from the Index Criminal Record Card:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Agency and Number</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
11/17/18	Los Angeles PD #16448	Assault with Deadly Weapon	Released
1/20/26	Los Angeles PD #16488	Woolwine Act (California Prohibition Law) - Possession Woolwine Act - Sale	\$1.00 or 1 day, 3/4/26 \$400.00 or 180 days, 3/4/26
2/15/26	Los Angeles PD #16448	State Poison Act (Fel.)	To Los Angeles County 2/17/26
2/17/26	Los Angeles Co. SO #60469	Received from L.A.	1/2 - 6 years, San Quentin, 5/28/26
6/12/26	San Quentin #42314	State Poison Act from L.A. Co.	0 - 6 years. Disc. 5/27/29
5/25/33	Detroit PD #45138	Investigation	

The original records covering the details of the arrests of the subject by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1918 and 1926 have been destroyed. Before their destruction they were microfilmed, however a search of the records of the Los Angeles Police Department failed to locate the microfilm.

- ② - Chicago (REGISTERED)
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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office has no details concerning the arrests by the Police Department in 1918 or 1926.

The Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office have no available photograph of subject.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-43165)

W. D. FORD
SM - NOI
OO: CHICAGO

8/27/57

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 6-21-95 BY SP12 [REDACTED]
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Re Chicago letter to Detroit dated July 31, 1957.

On August 15, 1957, [REDACTED] Records Section, San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, California, made available to SA [REDACTED] information pertaining to WALLIE D. FORD, San Quentin number 42314.

These records reflect that under the name of WALLIE D. FORD, indicated as the true name of the Subject, he was received at San Quentin Penitentiary June 12, 1926, from Los Angeles County, California, where he had been convicted for a violation of the State Poisons Act. These records further indicated that FORD was born at Portland, Oregon, on February 25, 1891, his father being ZARED FORD, mother, BEATRICE FORD, both of whom were born in Hawaii. ZARED FORD's occupation was listed as operator of the Ford Bottling Works, Honolulu, Hawaii. The following description was noted relative to WALLIE D. FORD:

Race	White
Occupation	Cook
Height	5' 6 3/8"
Weight	133 pounds
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Maroon
Hair	Black
Marital Status	Married
Children	One, age 5 - 1926.
Education	Public schools, Portland, Oregon.
Former address	4401 Mount Eagle Place, Los Angeles, California.

When interviewed by California State Parole Authorities concerning his past, the records indicate that FORD furnished information as follows:

- 2 - Bureau (REG)
- ① - Chicago (100-33683) (REG)
- 1 - Detroit (Info) (REG)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Info) (REG)
- 2 - San Francisco (100-43165)
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He was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1891, and lived in that city until 1913, at which time he moved to the Los Angeles area where he resided until the time of his arrest. He married HAZEL BARTON in Los Angeles and she was 26 years of age at that time. One child resulted from this union.

According to San Quentin records, District Attorney KEYES of Los Angeles County, prosecutor in the Subject's case, made the following statement concerning the crime, "This defendant had in his possession drugs which his partner EDWARD DONALDSON offered to sell to police officers for \$225. They became suspicious when they detected one of the officers' handcuffs and refused to go through with the deal. Officers found the drugs at FORD's place of business."

San Quentin records reflect that while in that institution, letters were received attesting to FORD's good character from the following individuals:

Mrs. HAZEL E. OSBORNE (former wife), who stated in substance that FORD did not drink, smoke, or gamble. He was morally a good man that because he was tempermental, their marriage resulted in divorce.

Mrs. MARY BROWN of Los Angeles, who stated that FORD had been "like one of our family for ten years,"

Mrs. PEARL MORTON of Los Angeles, who wrote on May 23, 1927, "I have known him for 11 years; my mother and I have always been very fond of him...always treated him as one of the family..."

While incarcerated at San Quentin, the Subject was employed in the jute mill and as a road worker.

San Quentin records indicate that FORD was released from San Quentin May 27, 1929.

Information copies of this communication are furnished Detroit and Los Angeles for assistance in their investigation of instant case.

It is noted that the records of San Quentin Prison are currently being consolidated with other state

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Records at Vacaville, California, and consequently no photograph of the Subject is available at the present time. Efforts will be made in the immediate future to obtain a photograph of FORD from the State Record's Office at Vacaville, California, when these records are filed and made available.

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SAN FRANCISCO:

AT VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Will obtain a photograph of WALLIE D. FORD, San Quentin number 42314.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

DATE: August 29, 1957

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-26356)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, wa. Wallace Farad
SM - NOI

Reference is made to your letter of July 31, 1957,
with respect to captioned Subject.

A review of Detroit Indices reflects that Chicago
has received all intelligence available in the files of this
Office.

Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on August 9,
1957, ascertained from Patrolman [REDACTED] Detroit Police
Department, that Subject as WALLACE FARAD, Detroit Police
Department #45138, was arrested May 25, 1933, by that
Department for investigation at the Fraymore Hotel as chief
of the Voodoos. FARAD was then described as age 33, 5' 8",
135 lbs., Arabian ancestry, minister. No disposition
appeared and no other details were available from the Detroit
Police Department files. A photograph of Subject obtained
from the Detroit Police Department is being forwarded as
an enclosure herewith.

Clerk [REDACTED] Wayne County Sheriff's Office,
Detroit, Michigan, on August 9, 1957, advised Investigative
Clerk [REDACTED] that the files of that department failed to
reflect any record identifiable with instant Subject.

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(2) - Chicago (Encl-1) (REGISTERED)
1 - Detroit

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TO : SAC (100-33683) 42

DATE: 8/28/57

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD
SM-NOIALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Set forth below are the results of investigation conducted in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of captioned subject who is reportedly the founder of the NOI.

In speeches at Temple No. 2 by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, MUHAMMAD has stated that W.D. FARD came to Chicago in 1933 after having been asked to leave Detroit by the police department. MUHAMMAD states that in 1933 FARD was arrested by the Chicago Police Department.

On May 8, 1957, [REDACTED] Officer, Records and Communications Section, Chicago Police Department, advised that a search of the records of his agency contained no information indicating any arrest for W. D. FARD. [REDACTED] stated that his records do contain an arrest for one WALLACE FORD. [REDACTED] stated that FORD was arrested September 26, 1933, charged with disorderly conduct, and that either on September 26 or 29, 1933, he appeared before Judge DUNN, Branch 34, and was subsequently discharged. [REDACTED] stated that according to the records, FORD listed his address as Detroit, Michigan, sex male, race colored, age 40, weight 132, height 5'7", build slender, eyes brown. 42

[REDACTED] stated that his records contain no additional information.

On May 8, 1957, [REDACTED] Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that a search of the records of his agency contained no information identifiable with captioned subject.

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On July 24, 1957, a search of the death records at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 130 North Wells, was conducted. These records were searched from the years 1932 to 1936 for any information identifiable with the subject. The names searched were as follows:

FARD
FARRAD
FARAD
FERRAD
FERAD
FORD
MOHAMMED
MUHAMMAD

A search of these records revealed no information identifiable with captioned subject.

On August 13, 1957, inquiry was made at the Chicago Public Library, Michigan and Randolph, in an effort to locate any information identifiable with captioned subject which might be contained in old city directories. It was ascertained that the last city directory was published in the year 1928.

On August 22, 1957, the records for Branch 34 were made available at the City of Chicago Warehouse, 3150 Sacramento Boulevard. These records reveal that quasi criminal complaint 3227492 dated September 26, 1933, was issued against WALLACE FORD of Detroit, Michigan. This complaint indicates that FORD was arrested at 3 p.m. on September 25, 1933, at 48th and Calumet on a charge of investigation as a con man. This complaint indicates that the defendant on September 26, 1933, waived a jury trial and a trial was held by the court finding the defendant not guilty and the defendant was subsequently discharged. This record indicates that WALLACE FORD was described as age 40, race Negro; occupation none, marital status single, complexion dark, build slender, height 5'7", weight 132, eyes brown, hair black, address Detroit, Michigan.

These records contained no additional information.

Investigation is continuing in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of captioned subject.

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SA [REDACTED]

NATION OF ISLAM
IS-NOI

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Information received from [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, has indicated that the feast which is scheduled to be held on September 24, 1957, by Muhammad's Temple No. 2 would be held at the Grand Ballroom, 6351 South Cottage Grove Avenue.

On September 16, 1957, [REDACTED]

42 and [REDACTED]

advised SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that within the past week or two, the exact date unrecalled, he was contacted by three unknown individuals desiring to rent the Grand Ballroom. He stated that these persons indicated they desired to rent the ballroom on September 24, 1957, and that they were associated with some type of a Moslem group. He stated that he had been informed that this group had cancelled out and had told the individual who operates the Grand Ballroom that the place was not large enough to accommodate individuals expected at this affair.

42 [REDACTED] stated that during World War II, [REDACTED] and recalled that the draft board had had trouble with members of this Moslem group over Selective Service, and that members of this group had gone to jail. He stated that sometime during World War II an individual he described as the "top man" of this group died, and that the Atkins Funeral Home, 43rd and Indiana, had handled the funeral arrangements.

42 Based on this last statement of [REDACTED] the writer and SA [REDACTED] proceeded to the Atkins Funeral Home on the chance that the "top man", described by [REDACTED] might possibly be W. D. FARD.

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675 [redacted] 4309 South Indiana Avenue, [redacted] of the Atkins Funeral Home, advised that his records indicate that the only individual he could associate with the statement of [redacted] was that he handled a funeral for an individual described as Prophet NOBLE DREW Reincarnated. He stated his records indicated this person died on October 22, 1945, and at the time of death resided at 447 East 40th Street. He stated that the death certificate number was 29803, and that this person was buried in Lincoln Cemetery, 123rd and Kedzie.

It is believed that this person is probably identical with NOBLE DREW ALI, who is head of a sect called the Moorish Americans or Ahmadyia.

It is noted that information has been received that NOBLE DREW ALI and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, during the early 1930's in Detroit, were associated with W.D. PARD and the Nation of Islam, however, ALI broke with the NOI sometime in the 1930's and established his own group.

675 On September 16, 1957, [redacted] Grand Ballroom, 6351 South Cottage Grove, advised that her records indicate that on September 3, 1957, HERBERT MUHAMMAD had signed a contract to rent the ballroom on September 24, 1957, for a banquet. MUHAMMAD had placed a \$25.00 deposit at this time, and that the cost for rental of the ballroom was \$100.00 for the evening. [redacted] stated that on either September 10 or 11, 1957, she received a telephone call from HERBERT MUHAMMAD cancelling the reservation for September 24, 1957, and was advised by MUHAMMAD that the Grand Ballroom was too small for the amount of people expected.

[redacted] stated that MUHAMMAD gave no indication as to any other arrangements they might have made to hold the banquet. She stated that the Grand Ballroom has the largest accommodations of any building of its type on the South Side of Chicago.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 10-3-57

SUBJECT : W. D. FARD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
O.O.- Chicago

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Reference San Francisco letter to Bureau 8/27/57.

For the information of the Honolulu, Portland, and Washington Field Offices, as a result of a recent inspection of the Chicago Office, it was suggested that a concerted effort be made to determine the whereabouts of W. D. FARD, reportedly the founder of the Nation of Islam (NOI).

According to speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National leader of the NOI, "ALLAH" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W. D. FARD, who taught him, MUHAMMAD, for three years concerning Islam. MUHAMMAD claims that FARD taught Islam in Detroit, Michigan, from 1930 to 1933, at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Detroit Police Department and subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois. FARD taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since that time. MUHAMMAD has also indicated that FARD returned to Mecca.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Detroit (100-26356) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Honolulu (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles (105-4805) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Portland (REGISTERED)
- 2 - San Francisco (100-43165) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Washington Field Office (REGISTERED)
- ① - Chicago

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

DATE: 10/10/57

FROM : SAC, Honolulu (100-6122)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD
SM - NOI
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Reurlet 10/3/57.

There is no listing of subject, WALLIE D. FORD, ZARED FORD, BEATRICE FORD or the Ford Bottling Company in Honolulu City Directories subsequent to 1947.

During the war Territorial law compelled the registration of all civilian residents of the Islands. A check of the files of the civilians who registered during the war was made 10/8/57 by SA [REDACTED] at the Office of Civil Identification, Attorney General, Territory of Hawaii. No record was found of W. D. FARD, WALLIE D. FORD or ZARED and BEATRICE FORD.

On 10/9/57 [REDACTED] Honolulu Police Department, and [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Hawaii, advised SE [REDACTED] the files of their offices contained no information concerning above mentioned individuals. [REDACTED] also reported that the Credit Bureau had no record of a Ford Bottling Company.

The following individuals, contacted by SA [REDACTED] 10/10/57, reported they had never heard of the Ford Bottling Company:

TOKUICHI TSUJI, President of Sunrise Soda Water Works CO., Ltd., 967 Robello Lane, Honolulu, who has been in the bottling business since the 1920's.

SATORU TAKITANI, President of Tru-Ade Bottling Company of Honolulu, Ltd., 1398 Makaloa, Honolulu, who has been in the bottling business in Honolulu since 1931.

EDWIN H. BARRETT, Vice-President of Canada Dry Bottling Co. (Hawaii), 729 Kakaako, Honolulu.

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SA [REDACTED] 67

NATION OF ISLAM
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The following information is a summary of information appearing in various files and was compiled by the writer from a review of the files in connection with the investigation of W. D. FARD. The information contained in this memo is relative to the founding of the organization known as the Nation of Islam. The Moorish Science Temple of America will be referred to hereafter as the MSTA.

At Newark, New Jersey, in 1913, an individual calling himself NOBLE DREW ALI or the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI founded an organization known as the MSTA. The person calling himself NOBLE DREW ALI was a Negro male, TIMOTHY DREW, who was born January 8, 1886, in North Carolina. Little is known of NOBLE DREW ALI's history. He was reported to have been employed as an "expressman" in Newark in 1913, and was supposed to have been in Cuba, at one time.

There is little indication that NOBLE DREW ALI was successful in obtaining a large following at Newark, or that any large MSTA membership was formed on a national basis.

In 1925, NOBLE DREW ALI appeared at the Chicago, Illinois, and preached in empty lots and on street corners on Chicago's South side.

DREW ALI is described as being a semi-literate person although he possessed an eloquent tongue, a persuasive manner and a native shrewdness which enabled him to sway the poor people who listened to him. DREW ALI always appeared wearing a flaming red fez similar to those worn by Turks.

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2 - 25-20607

1 - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)

1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

1 - 61-293 (MSTA)

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NOBLE DREW ALI was persistent in his preaching and slowly began to win ~~disciples~~ ^{for} his banner. DREW ALI was able to establish a permanent headquarters and by 1927 was able to hold a convention where it was decided to expand proselytizing activities to other cities.

The philosophy which NOBLE DREW ALI preached was a religion based on ~~rank~~ and opposing the Christian faith. He preached that people commonly known in America as Negroes are actually of Moorish descent and are asiatics, and that the Negroes should not refer to themselves as black, but as "olive-hued". The Negroes in America are descendants of the ancient Moabites who inhabited the Northwest and Southwest shores of Africa, but that they had been held in slavery in America from 1779 to 1865. The names used by the Negroes were not their real names, but "slave names" and the Moorish in America ~~were~~ required to carry a card bearing his "real" or asiatic name. The "slave" names were transformed to real ones by the addition of "El" or "Bey" after the name on the card bearing the person's "real name". The card had to be signed by DREW ALI who of course sold the cards to those to whom he gave their Asiatic names. DREW ALI also began to do a "profitable business in charms and nostrums, among them were Moorish healing oil, Moorish prifier bath compound and Moorish herbs." According to NOBLE DREW ALI, ALLAH, the Great God of the Universe had ordained NOBLE DREW ALI as his prophet to redeem his people from their sinful ways and to proclaim their free racial name. DREW ALI wrote and published his "Koran" a small pamphlet consisting of a mixture of the Mohammedan Koran the Christian Bible and excerpts from the life of Christ bound together with DREW ALI's pronouncements and interpretations.

January 8, DREW ALI's birthday was considered a special occasion for the Moorish regalia was sworn in in all temples and there was ~~partying~~ ^{partying} and ~~distribution~~ ^{distribution} of gifts in a celebration similar to Christmas. DREW ALI considered MARCUS GARVEY his forerunner in a relationship ~~analogous~~ ^{analogous} to that of John the Baptist and JESUS,

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and paid tribute to GARVEY in his Koran and sermons. It should be noted that MARCUS GARVEY was a Jamaican Negro who organized a movement in 1918 known as the Universal Negro Improvement Association which advocated a back to Africa movement which reached its peak in membership in 1921, claiming about 4,000,000 Negroes. After that the movement steadily declined.

By 1929 a leadership quarrel had developed within the MSTA between DREW ALI and CLAUDE GREEN, a Negro politician and former partner to the philanthropist JULIUS ROSENWALD. GREEN was an opportunist who saw in the MSTA a quick source of revenue. Upon arrival at his office one day in the spring of 1929, DREW ALI found that GREEN had moved all his furniture outside and had declared himself Grand Sheik. With this ~~declaration~~ *enlistment* enlisted support in Chicago, as well as in temples in other cities.

On March 15, 1929, GREEN was stabbed to death. The following day DREW ALI was arrested, but subsequently released on bond.

On July 20, 1929, DREW ALI was beaten to death in a bloody fight between warring MSTA factions, near MSTA temple 3603 South Indiana, Chicago. A few days later another bloody MSTA riot occurred, during the course of which two Chicago policemen were killed, one MSTA member was killed and numerous members were arrested.

After DREW ALI's death the MSTA definitely split into two factions, one headed by a CHARLES KERMAN BEY and the other by JOHN GIVENS EL, wa., the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI re-incarnated. Several others aspiring to leadership also developed and all of them, including CHARLES KERMAN BEY claimed that NOBLE DREW ALI had re-incarnated himself in his body.

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Beginning in the 1930s CHARLES K. KIRKMAN BEY was the recognized leader of the predominant section of the MSTA which continued to attract membership, teaching the philosophy of NOBLE DREW ALI. The organization attracted membership throughout the United States and did not begin to decline until after World War II.

(The above information is a summary of information appearing in various files. The bibliography for the above information is 61-293-162,233,253 and 100-8458-329.) In the course of the Bureau's investigation of the MSTA, SA [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] on January 6, 1943. At that time [REDACTED] advised that he was [REDACTED] of the MSTA Temple at Pontiac, Michigan. According to [REDACTED] several years previously an individual by the name of FARD (phonetic), whom he believed to be Algerian, was instrumental in having many members leave the MSTA and affiliate themselves with a group which he referred to as the "Mooxlems". [REDACTED] was careful to pronounce the names as it was spelled so as to distinguish it from the word Moslem, (61-293-106, page 4.)

In this connection it should be noted that W. D. FARD, was., WALLY FARRAD, FARRAD MOHAMMED, ~~FARRAD~~ F. MOHAMMED ALI, lived in Detroit, Michigan, from July, 1930, to June, 1934, during which time he was instrumental in the founding of the Nation of Islam (25-20607-1B6 (10).

A G-2 report, dated December 30, 1950, reflects that in 1930, a man calling himself W. D. FARD took over a group of Negroes which had been organized by another Negro named NOBLE D. OLLIE. W. D. FARD is reported to be the organizer of both the NOI and an organization known as the "Development of Our Own". (25-20607-21).

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An OMI report, dated October 13, 1942, lists one ABDUL MOHAMMED a "First Officer" of the NOI in Detroit, as having been the host of one SATAKATA TAKAHASHI, founder of the Japanese "Black Dragon Society".

Apparantly TAKAHASHI lived with ABDUL MOHAMMED for two weeks in Detroit in the early 1930s (100-9129-64).

NASA NAKANE, wa., SATAKATA TAKAHASHI, was a Jap who was instrumental in the formation of an organization known as the "Development of Our Own" a Negro organization through which Japanese propoganda was disbursed prior to World War II. (61-257).

On June 29, 1939, ~~Takahashi~~ was arrested for illegal entry and attempted bribery of a United States Immigration Inspector. Upon interview by a Bureau Agent following his conviction for Bribery, ~~Takahashi~~ stated that in 1930, in Tacoma, Washington, he became acquainted with a Negro Minister JOHN WHITE. Upon going to Detroit, from Tacoma, in the early 1930s, ~~Takahashi~~ contacted one ABDUL MOHAMMED because MOHAMMED had written WHITE requesting that the Japanese work among the Negroes in Detroit. ~~Takahashi~~ resided with MOHAMMED, but left because he considered him a ~~foe~~. (61-257-1, page 58).

ABDUL MOHAMMED is deceased having died in an insane asylum. (61-257-1, page 60).

On September 9, 1942, one OUSHA APPACANIS was interviewed at Detroit by SAs and at which time he stated that he was National Executive Secretary of the "Development of Our Own". APPACANIS joined the organization in about 1935, when it was under leadership of one MOHAMMED who died in about 1935. APPACANIS stated that MOHAMMED's wife after his death had told him that MOHAMMED had taken one SATAKATA TAKAHASHI into his home when TAKAHASHI was . TAKAHASHI learned the principals of MOHAMMED's organization and when he approached MOHAMMED with the thought in mind that the two of them could utilize the organization to make a great deal of money. MOHAMMED's wife related that MOHAMMED refused this approach. (100-8458-78, page 5).

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CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Lead Suggest from the above information concerning the identity of ~~WILLIAM~~ D. FARD and the founding of the Nation of Islam will be set forth separately under the W D Fard caption.

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Aliases

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☐ Exact Spelling

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)
RE: CHANGED: W. D. FORD, was
Wallace Ford, Wallei Ford,
W. D. Ford, Fred Dodd
SM - NOI
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau 10/3/57.

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" and the aliases WALLACE FORD, W. D. FORD and FRED DODD, as furnished by his former common-law wife, and the name of WALLEI FORD, as obtained from Los Angeles Police Department records, are being added to the title.

67c Records of the Los Angeles County Birth Index were caused to be searched by SE [REDACTED] on 10/15/57 for the period from 1911 through 1927, and the following birth record was located:

Records 1920, Volume 173, page 7850: Birth of one WALLACE DODD FORD, male child, born on 9/1/20 at the MacDonald Sanitarium; father - WALLACE FORD, 347 South Flower Street,

- 3 - Bureau (AM - REGISTERED)
- 2 - Chicago (100-33683) (AM - REGISTERED)
- 1 - Detroit (100-26356) (Info.) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Honolulu (Info.) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Portland (AM - REGISTERED)
- 2 - Richmond (Encl. 1) (AM - REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-43165) (Info.) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Washington Field (AM - REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles (1 - 105-4805)
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Los Angeles; race white, age 26, born in New Zealand, occupation restaurant keeper; mother - maiden name HAZEL BARTON, 347 South Flower Street, race white, age 25, born state of New York, occupation - none. The birth was certified on 9/2/20 by HARLEY E. MacDONALD, physician, with offices at 1521 South Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Attached to the above birth certificate was an amendment to the certificate dated 7/10/40, filed by HAZEL FORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, mother of WALLACE DODD FORD, who was born in the city of Los Angeles on the first day of September, 1920, as stated in the certificate of birth filed by HARLEY E. MacDONALD on 9/2/20. The amended birth certificate changed the original certificate to read: Full name of child, WALLACE MAX FORD; occupation of mother changed to read housewife. Affiant of the above amended birth certificate was HAZEL FORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street. It was sworn to on 7/1/40. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street also subscribed to the above information on 7/1/40 before notary public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

42 SE [REDACTED] caused a check to be made on 10/15/57 of the Los Angeles County Marriage Records for the period 1/1/12 through 12/31/26, and of the Los Angeles County Superior Court Divorce Records for 1/1/14 to 12/31/30, and no record of marriage or divorce was found between FARD or FORD and HAZEL BARTON, HAZEL FORD or HAZEL OSBORNE.

Mrs. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER, who stated that her full name was HAZEL BARTON FORD OSBORNE EVELSIZER, was interviewed at her residence, 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, by SA [REDACTED] on October 17, 1957, at which time she furnished the following information:

Her maiden name was HAZEL BARTON. In 1919 in Los Angeles she met WALLACE FORD who was operating a cafe at 347 South Flower Street, Los Angeles. HAZEL began living with him and their residence was an apartment above the cafe. A male child was born on 9/1/20 in Los Angeles and was named WALLACE DODD FORD. In 1921 or 1922 she moved out on FORD and took the child with her. She continued to live in Los Angeles. Her second "husband" was OSBORNE who lived six months and died, and then she met her third "husband," CLIFFORD EVELSIZER, with whom she is still living. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER is a retired employee of the city of Los Angeles.

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The child of FORD, WALLACE DODD FORD, later known as WALLACE MAX FORD, was in the U. S. Coast Guard during World War II and was killed at Linhaven Roads, Virginia, on 8/3/42. HAZEL has documentary proof of death of child as set out above.

Information re subject's criminal record under Los Angeles Police Department No. 16447 is set out in Los Angeles letter to Chicago dated 8/26/57. WALLEI FORD was arrested by the LAPD on 11/17/18 for assault with a deadly weapon and was released. He was again arrested on 1/20/26 for violation of the Woolwine Act (California prohibition law), possession and sale. On 3/4/26 he was sentenced to a one dollar fine or one day in jail on count 1 and to a four hundred dollar fine or 180 days in jail on count 2. On 2/15/26 he was arrested for the third time by the LAPD for violation of the State Poison Act - a felony. He was sentenced on 5/28/26 to a term of from six months to six years and was received at San Quentin State Penitentiary on 6/12/26. He was released from San Quentin on 5/27/29.

HAZEL described FORD as male, white, New Zealander, exact age unknown, 5'8", 140 pounds, slender build, black curly hair, black eyes, beautiful even teeth, straight nose, Caucasian features, no visible scars, extremely swarthy complexion, had the appearance of a very dark complected Mexican.

HAZEL advised that FORD had come to Los Angeles from Oregon at least four or five years before she met him in 1919 and had been operating his cafe at 347 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, during that period. FORD never told her anything about his background. He never mentioned his date or place of birth, education, parents, brothers or sisters. On one occasion she found an old letter addressed to him under the name of FRED DODD in Salem, Oregon. By reading the letter she knew without question in her mind that FRED DODD and WALLACE FORD were identical; however, he always used the name WALLACE FORD while she knew him in Los Angeles.

HAZEL recalled that a girl, name unknown, told her in about 1919 or 1920 that she, the girl, had helped FORD write letters to his parents in New Zealand because FORD had very little education and had trouble with his correspondence. According to HAZEL this unknown girl had been a waitress in FORD's cafe and had lived with FORD before HAZEL came along. From this and from the birth certificate on the child HAZEL assumed that FORD came from New Zealand.

HAZEL recalled that in 1919 when she first moved in with FORD he mentioned that he had been married, possibly in Oregon; that there had been a bitter separation and FORD had been unable to obtain a divorce, and that was one of the reasons she and FORD were never married. FORD had a boy of this marriage. HAZEL thinks the boy was born sometime prior to 1914 or 1915, possibly in Oregon.

In 1926 FORD, while operating his cafe, was associated with a man who was half Chinese, and the two of them sold narcotics for which they were arrested and both sent to prison. The other person was paroled, but FORD told HAZEL that he would serve out his time and did not want a parole as he wanted to be a free man when he was released.

After his release from San Quentin on 5/27/29 FORD went to Chicago and was in Chicago and Detroit from then until 1932 when FORD visited HAZEL, her present husband and the child in Los Angeles. FORD was driving a 1929 Model A Ford coupe with California license plates. FORD had white sheets over the seats of the car. He left the sheets with HAZEL, saying that he would not need them any more as he was going back to New Zealand. FORD gave no explanation as to why he used white sheets. On this singular visit FORD advised HAZEL and her family that he was only eating one meal a day and that this was his new way of life. HAZEL advised that FORD was wearing his hair long and full in the back. Previously he had always had a short conventional haircut.

FORD said that since his release from San Quentin he had been selling doctors' supplies. During this visit in 1932 FORD gave HAZEL a small box containing self-threading needles. This box was postmarked 4/28/30 from the Marcellene Chemical Company, 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, and was addressed to W. D. FORD, General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois. HAZEL gave the box to the interviewing agent and the same is being retained in the Los Angeles file in instant case.

HAZEL advised she corresponded with FORD from 1929 to 1932. All of her letters were addressed to him care of General Delivery, in either Chicago, Illinois or Detroit, Michigan. She corresponded with FORD on an average of once or twice a year. She tried to get FORD to send money for the support of the child. HAZEL recalls that when FORD did write he said he had no money to send.

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HAZEL advised that FORD never had any unusual political, economic, social or religious beliefs, and that he had never indicated any interest in such things.

Mr. and Mrs. EVELSIZER are leaving Los Angeles on 10/21/57 for a winter vacation in trailer parks in Florida. They will return to Los Angeles on 4/15/58. In the interim they can be contacted through P.O. Box 42-554, York Station, Los Angeles 42, California.

Enclosed with this airtel to Richmond is a copy of relet.

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Copies of this airtel are being furnished to Detroit, Honolulu and San Francisco for their information in view of the pending investigation in those offices.

PORTLAND OFFICE

Will check marriage records in an effort to locate a marriage for FORD sometime prior to 1914 or 1915. ✓

RICHMOND OFFICE

Will contact the Marcellene Chemical Company, 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, and obtain any background information they may have concerning the subject, noting that they were in contact with him on 4/28/30 and that he was allegedly selling doctors' supplies during that period.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

Will check INS records for any information concerning the subject, noting that he allegedly came from New Zealand.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

10/14/57

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-44165)

W.D. FORD
SM-NOI
(OO Chicago)

Re San Francisco letter to Bureau 8/27/57, and
Chicago letter to Bureau, 10/3/57.

67c On 10/4/57 [redacted] Identification Officer,
Guidance and Reception Center, California Medical Facility,
Vacaville, California made available to SA [redacted] a
photograph of WALLY D. FORD, SO#42314, which photo he stated
was taken in June 1926 when the Subject was received at the
reception center.

[redacted] stated that his records indicate that the
Subject was arrested in Detroit, Michigan, their number 45138
on 5/25/37 on a charge of investigation. [redacted] suggested
that New York authorities might have a more recent photograph
of the Subject. The aforementioned photograph is enclosed
for the Chicago office.

On 10/9/57, Mr. [redacted] Records Section, San
Quentin Prison advised that the prison records contain no
Los Angeles addresses for MARY BROWN or PEARL MORTON. The
only address contained in the San Quentin file for HAZEL
OSBORNE, nee BARTON, was listed as 4401 Mount Eagle Place,
Los Angeles, California.

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DETROIT OFFICE

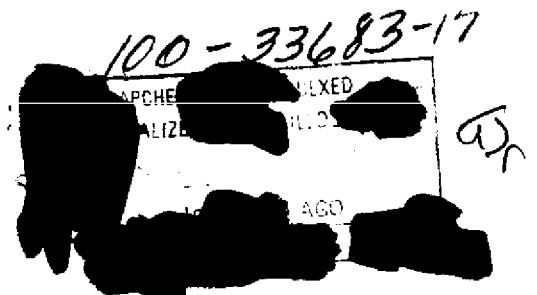
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AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will attempt to locate through the files of the Detroit
PD under PD #45138 a more recent photograph of the Subject.

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- 2 - Bureau
 - 1 - Chicago (Encl. 1) [redacted]
 - 2 - Detroit
 - 1 - Los Angeles
 - 2 - San Francisco (100-44156)
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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 10/30/57

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"

WALLACE DON FORD, was.,
W. D. Fard, "Allah",
Mohammad Ali, Fred Dodd,
Wali Farrad, Wallace Farad,
W. D. Feraud, Wallei Ford,
Wali Mohammad, F. Mohammad-Ali,
Farrad Mohammad
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
OO - Chicago

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Re Chicago letter to Director dated October 3, 1957, Los Angeles airtel to Director dated October 18, 1957.

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to list the subject's true name as WALLACE DON FORD and to include all aliases by which he has been known. This name and list of aliases was obtained from a review of the Chicago files, however, documentation for each of the above aliases is not being included in this letter.

The subject shall be referred to hereafter in this letter as W. D. FARD.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Baltimore (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Detroit (100-26356) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Portland (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Richmond (Info) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Washington Field (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Chicago
- 1 - 25-20607

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For the information of Baltimore, the following information concerning the Nation of Islam is being supplied:

According to the speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National leader of the NOI, "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930, in the person of one W. D. FARD, and taught MUHAMMAD for three years concerning Islam. MUHAMMAD claims that FARD taught Islam in Detroit, Michigan from 1930 until 1933, at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Detroit Police Department. He subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois, where he taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since. MUHAMMAD has indicated that FARD returned to Mecca. In the current philosophy of the NOI, W. D. FARD is referred to as the founder of the NOI and the Savior of the "so-called" Negro.

The following information was obtained from a review of Chicago files:

The Moorish Science Temple of America (MSTA) flourished in Chicago in the late 1920's under the leadership of a Negro calling himself NOBLE DREW ALI. During World War II the Bureau conducted extensive investigation of the MSTA because of the possibilities of Japanese influence in that organization.

62x The attention of the Detroit Division is drawn to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 16, 1943, at Detroit entitled [REDACTED] was., ET AL; INTERNAL SECURITY - J; CUSTODIAL DETENTION; SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT", Detroit file 100-6603. Page 4 of this report reflects that SA [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, on January 6, 1943. At that time, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] of the MSTA Temple at [REDACTED]

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Pontiac, Michigan. According to [REDACTED] several years previously an individual by the name of FARD (phonetic), whom he believed to be an Algerian, was instrumental in having many members leave the MSTA and affiliate themselves with a group which he referred to as "Mooselems".

Also the Chicago Office is in possession of a G-2 report dated December 30, 1950, at Detroit, Michigan, which reflects that in 1930 a man calling himself W. D. FARD took over a group of Negroes which had been organized by another Negro named NOBLE D. OLLIE. W. D. FARD is reported to be the organizer of both the NOI and an organization known as the "Development of Our Own."

The Chicago Division is also in possession of an ONI report dated October 13, 1942, which lists one ABDUL MUHAMMAD, a "first officer" of the NOI in Detroit, as having been the host of one SATAKATA TAKAHASHI, founder of the Japanese "Black Dragon Society". Apparently, TAKAHASHI and ABDUL MUHAMMAD resided together in Detroit in the early 1930's. In this connection, the attention of the Detroit Division is directed to their file 62-709 on an individual named NAKA NAKANE, wa., Satakata Takahashi. Detroit should further refer to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 30, 1940, at Detroit in this case which report reflects that NAKANE was instrumental in the formation of an organization known as the "Development of Our Own". Page 58 in this report reflects that on June 29, 1939, TAKAHASHI was arrested for illegal entry and attempted bribery of United States Immigration inspector. Upon interview by a Bureau Agent following his conviction for bribery, TAKAHASHI stated that in 1930 in Tacoma, Washington, he became acquainted with a Negro Minister, JOHN WHITE. Upon going to Detroit from Tacoma, in the early 1930's, TAKAHASHI contacted one ABDUL MUHAMMAD because MUHAMMAD had written WHITE requesting that a Japanese work among

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the Negroes in Detroit. TAKAHASHI resided with MUHAMMAD but left because he considered him a fraud. Page 60 of this report reflects that ABDUL MUHAMMAD is deceased, having died in an insane asylum. No source is shown for this information.

65c The attention of the Detroit Division is further directed to Detroit file number 100-6781 and to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated October 27, 1942, at Detroit entitled "FOREIGN INSPIRED AGITATION AMONG THE AMERICAN NEGROES IN THE DETROIT DIVISION". Page 5 of this report reflects that on September 9, 1942, one OUSHA APPACANIS was interviewed at Detroit by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time he stated that he was National Executive Secretary of the organization known as the "Development of Our Own". APPACANIS joined the organization in about 1935, when it was under the leadership of one MUHAMMAD, who died in about 1935. APPACANIS stated that MUHAMMAD's wife, after his death, had told him that MUHAMMAD had taken one SATAKATA TAKAHASHI into his home when TAKAHASHI was ill at which time TAKAHASHI learned the principles of MUHAMMAD's organization and when he was well, approached MUHAMMAD, with the thought in mind that the two of them could utilize the organization to make a great deal of money. MUHAMMAD's wife related that MUHAMMAD refused this approach.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Richmond Division for information inasmuch as investigation is presently pending in that Division.

Request of Bureau

The Bureau is requested to review their indices and furnish Chicago with all information appearing concerning the subject under the known aliases listed in the title of this letter. In view of the implications furnished in this letter that W. D. FARD may possibly have been instrumental

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in the founding of the organization known as the "Development of Our Own", the Bureau is requested to consider having our Attache at Tokyo determine if NAKANE, who was reported deported from the United States to Japan, is still alive and if so to interview him for any information he might possess concerning W. D. FARD.

Undeveloped Leads

The Baltimore Division

Will check the files of G-2 for all information appearing concerning W. D. FARD and especially for any information appearing concerning his founding of the NOI and the "Development of Our Own". If the source of the information appearing in the G-2 report dated December 30, 1950 at Detroit, mentioned above, is shown, should determine if that source is available and be contacted by the Bureau.

The Detroit Division

Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] who was reported in 1943 to have been [REDACTED] of the MSTTA Temple at Pontiac, Michigan. If [REDACTED] is located, he should be thoroughly interviewed for all information he possesses concerning the fact that one FARD led a schism from the MSTTA. He should be shown a photograph of W. D. FARD, Detroit Police Department Number 45138, to determine if this is the person that led the schism from the MSTTA. (2)

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The Detroit Division should thoroughly review their file on SATAKATA TAKAHASHI to determine if the ABDUL MUHAMMAD mentioned in that file could be identical with W. D. FARD and attempt to identify further this ABDUL MUHAMMAD and to locate the source of the information indicating that ABDUL MUHAMMAD died in an insane asylum.

The Detroit Division is requested to attempt to locate the OUSHA APPACANIS mentioned in this letter, and, if they are able to locate him, he should be interviewed for all information he possesses concerning MUHAMMAD. He should be shown a photograph of W. D. FARD to determine if W. D. FARD is identical with MUHAMMAD. In this connection it is noted that the Detroit Office was formerly office of origin in the investigation of the organization known as the "Development of Our Own". Detroit Office should review this file to determine if W. D. FARD was actually instrumental in the founding of this organization as was reported in the above mentioned G-2 report.

The Portland Division

Reference is made to the lead set forth to the Portland Division in referenced Los Angeles airtel. The Portland Division is requested to attempt to locate a marriage for W. D. FARD sometime prior to 1914, and to locate a birth of a male child born to FARD sometime prior to 1914. In this connection, it should be noted that referenced airtel reflects that W. D. FARD may have used the name FRED DODD and may have lived at Salem, Oregon. If any information concerning W. D. FARD's marriage or the birth of his child is located, Portland should conduct logical investigation to locate the former wife and the child and then should interview them for any information they may possess concerning W. D. FARD.

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The Washington Field Division

Will check the records of ONI for any information they may possess concerning W. D. FARD and for any information that might be shown concerning his founding of the NOI and any indication that W. D. FARD might be identical with the ABDUL MUHAMMAD mentioned in the above mentioned ONI report as being a "first officer" with the NOI. The sources of ONI's information should be determined if possible and should be determined if they are available to be contacted by the Bureau.

Director, FBI

October 22, 1957

SAC, Detroit (100-26356)

W. D. FARD, was.
SM - NOI
OO: CHICAGO

Re San Francisco letter to Bureau instant caption
10/14/57 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau instant caption
10/18/57.

Referenced San Francisco letter sets out a lead
for the Detroit Office to locate a file at the Detroit
Police Department on captioned individual under Detroit
PD No. 45138 in an attempt to obtain a recent photograph
of the Subject.

65 For the information of the Bureau and San Francisco,
on August 9, 1957, IC [redacted] ascertained from Patrolman
[redacted] Detroit Police Department, that Subject as
WALLACE FARD, Detroit PD No. 45138, was arrested May 25,
1933, by that department for investigation at the Fraymore
Hotel as Chief of the Voodoos. FARD was then described
as age 33, 5'8", 135 lbs., Arabian ancestry, occupation
listed as minister. No disposition appeared and no
other details were available from the police department
files. A photograph of the Subject was obtained from the
Detroit Police Department and was forwarded to the Chicago
Office, it being noted that the photograph was one taken
of the Subject in 1933.

Therefore, the lead set out in referenced San
Francisco letter to locate the above-mentioned file will
not be done as it has previously been handled.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- ① - Chicago (100-33683)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Los Angeles (105-4805)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-43165)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Detroit

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 10/29/57

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

OO:CHICAGO

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DATE 6-21-95 BY SP2 [REDACTED]

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Relet from Chicago to Bureau, 10/3/57.

[REDACTED] Bureau of Health, City of Portland, 305 City Hall, Portland, Oregon, on 8/7/57, advised SA [REDACTED] that a review of birth records pertaining to the months of January through April for the years 1890, 1891 and 1892, failed to reflect any records having been filed for the birth of WALLIE D. FORD. There was no birth recorded during the above periods checked for any child of ZARED and BEATRICE FORD. [REDACTED] advised that around the time of the alleged birth in question, records were very poorly kept, that in many instances the births took place in the homes. In a great many of such instances, there was never a record made of the birth. She stated however, that in some instances where a record of the birth was later desired, there was a "delayed filing" of such birth, the records of which are maintained at the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Office Building, Portland.

[REDACTED] State Registrar of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, 979 State Office Building, Portland, on 10/7/57 advised that the number of "delayed filings" constituted but a small proportion of the actual number of births. He noted that in addition to delayed filings, there are also some records of births, which by state statute, may be filed on the basis of a court order.

2 Chicago (RM) *One sent Bureau 5/1/63.*
1 Los Angeles (105-4805) (RM)
1 Portland

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[REDACTED] Clerk, State Bureau of Vital Statistics, advised 10/7/57, that there is no record on file of the birth of anyone named WALLIE D. FORD. She stated that her search of records included both delayed filings and those recorded through court order. It is noted records of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics do not date back to 1891. ^Q

On 10/7/57, a check was made by SA [REDACTED] of the R. L. Polk and Company's Portland City Directories issued for the years of 1890, 1891 and 1892, on file at the Central Library, Portland Library Association, S. W. 10th and Taylor Streets. There was no record in any of the above directories of anyone named ZARED or BEATRICE FORD.

On 10/10/57, I. C. [REDACTED] ascertained from the persons listed at the agencies indicated, that there was no record on file for WALLIE D. FORD or either ZARED or BEATRICE FORD:

Officer [REDACTED] Records Bureau, Portland Police Department;

^Q Detective [REDACTED] Security Detail, Portland Police Department;

Multnomah County Identification Bureau, [REDACTED] Clerk;

Retail Credit Association of Portland, Inc., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Identification Bureau, Portland PD, on 10/10/57, advised that there is on file a fingerprint card on WALLIE FORD, Los Angeles PD #16448, reflecting his arrest on 11/17/18, for Assault with a Deadly Weapon. No Disposition is shown. [REDACTED] stated there is no other record of WALLIE FORD in the files and there likewise was no record for either ZARED or BEATRICE FORD.

[REDACTED] Special Agent, School District #1, 631 N. E. Clackamas Street, Portland, on 10/22/57, advised

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that he had caused a check to be made of all school records for the City of Portland for the years 1897 to 1901, and no reference was located therein for WALLIE D. FORD. [REDACTED] pointed out that up to 1900 local laws did not require attendance of children at school until they had reached their 8th birthday.

On 10/22/57, [REDACTED] State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 979 State Office Building, Portland, advised that a search of marriage records for the years 1906 through 1916, failed to reflect any record of the marriage of anyone named FRED DODD.

67c On 10/22/57, a search of the Marriage Indices for Multnomah County, by SA [REDACTED] revealed a reference on page 224, of the Marriage Index for the Period July, 1910 - October, 1915, to the marriage of one FRED DODD to PEARL ALLEN.

Book 35, page 240 of Marriage Certificates, made available to SA [REDACTED] 10/22/57, by [REDACTED] Clerk, Marriage License Bureau, reflected that Marriage Certificate #28247, was filed May 9, 1914, for FRED DODD, Marion County, Oregon, and PEARL ALLEN of Multnomah County, Oregon, who were married by Circuit Judge, W. N. GATENS, Multnomah County. Witnesses were listed as F. D. HENNESSY and MARY E. MORENO. The certificate reflected that the application for marriage license was issued 4/14/14.

[REDACTED] made available Book 20, Marriage Affidavits, page 49, in which, under #28247, is set out an affidavit by "MARY E. MORENO, 313 1/2 1st", in which MARY MORENO states she knows PEARL ALLEN, 313 1/2 1st Street, that PEARL ALLEN is a resident of Multnomah County, over 18 years of age, to wit, about 18 years of age, and there is no legal impediment to the marriage of PEARL ALLEN to FRED DODD, resident of Salem, Marion County, Oregon, age about 23 years. The Affidavit was filed May 9, 1914, and contains a notation at the bottom, "Married by W. N. GATENS."

[REDACTED] advised that the above two documents are the only records which were required as of the time in question and there would be no other records relating to this marriage.

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On 10/22/57 a search was made of the Divorce Indices for Multnomah County by SA [REDACTED] for the period from 1/2/14 to 12/37. No record was located of any divorce action involving FRED and PEARL ALLEN DODD.

67c [REDACTED] Oregon State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 979 State Office Building, Portland, on 10/24/57 advised that no divorce records are maintained on file by that agency prior to the year 1925. [REDACTED] advised after a search of files that there is no record of a divorce of FRED and PEARL ALLEN DODD, between the years 1925 and 1930.

On 10/24/57 [REDACTED] also made a check of birth records for the period 1903 through 1920, and advised that there is no record of the birth of a child to FRED and PEARL ALLEN DODD during that period. [REDACTED] pointed out that records of births in Portland prior to 1915 are not maintained in the State Bureau of Vital Statistics.

On 10/24/57 [REDACTED] Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Board of Health, Portland City Hall, advised that a check of the birth records for the period from 1909 to 1915, failed to reflect any record of the birth of a child to FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN DODD.

Concerning the witnesses to the marriage certificate of FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN, namely F. D. HENNESSY and MARY E. MORENO, the following is noted. The 1913 Portland City Directory lists FRANK D. HENNESSY, lawyer, 701 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., residence 410 - 13th Street. The 1915 Portland City Directory lists FRANK D. HENNESSY, wife, THERESA, Clerk, Circuit Court, Department 5, 410 - 10th Street. The 1956 City Directory does not list either FRANK D. HENNESSY or THERESA HENNESSY. The 1913 and 1914 Portland City Directories do not list MARY E. MORENO. However, the 1915 Portland City Directory lists "Mrs. MARY E. MORENO, 360 Front". She is not listed in the 1916 or the 1956 City Directories.

Since divorce records are not maintained by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics prior to the year 1925, and since FRED DODD listed his address as Salem, Oregon, further check is being made of divorce records at Salem, for any record of divorce proceedings between FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN DODD.

DIRECTOR, FBI

11/4/57

SAC, WFO (100-34329)

W. D. FARD, was.
SM - WUE
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago letter to the Director dated 10/3/57 which requested that inquiry be made at the Passport Office for any record identifiable with W. D. FARD, W. D. FARAD, or W. FARD MOHAMMED or MOHAMMED.

67c On 10/18/57 SE [REDACTED] ascertained that the above names did not have any identifiable records in the Passport Office, Department of State, files.

On 10/18/57 the Los Angeles Office airtel requested that INS records be checked concerning the subject. The results of this record check have not become available, and they will be reported as soon as they become available. P.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

FROM : Director, FBI (105-63642)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

DATE: November 15, 1957

Reurlet 10-30-57.

A summary of information appearing in Bufiles concerning subject and his known aliases is presently being prepared. You will be furnished with a copy of this summary upon its completion.

A review of Bufiles reflects that in 1942, Naka Nakane was 70 years of age, almost blind, and had been hospitalized during the past three years because of stomach ulcers. Therefore, the Bureau does not feel that efforts should be expended at this time to determine if Nakane is still alive and to interview him for any possible information he may have concerning the subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

FROM : SAC, Richmond (105-2000)

DATE: 11/18/57

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, was.
SM - NOI

Re Los Angeles airtel 10/18/57 to the Director.

A search of the 1938 Richmond city directory lists the Marcellene Chemical Company, Inc., in Room 209, 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, with THOMAS D. STEEL listed as president. No directory subsequent to 1940 listed this company.

On October 25, 1957, Mr. W. A. RANDLETT of the E. F. [redacted] [redacted] Street, was interviewed by SA [redacted] and he informed that his company owns and rents space in the building at 1900 West Broad Street. He related that the Marcellene Chemical Company is now out of existence and that its former president, THOMAS D. STEEL, now operates the Thomas D. Steel Advertising Service, at 13 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. T. D. STEEL, 13 East Franklin Street, Richmond, related to SA [redacted] on October 25, 1957, that he formerly operated the Marcellene Chemical Company. He stated that he hired no salesmen but sold his products outright to door-to-door peddlers, who in turn sold them to consumers. Mr. STEEL advised he has no records of any of these door-to-door peddlers and that he could not remember the name of the subject or any of his aliases. Mr. STEEL related that he would not be able to supply any information whatsoever concerning the subject as he had no personal contact with these door-to-door peddlers; they were not employees of his; and he maintained no records of them. RUC.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, WFO (100-34329)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - NOI
(OO:CO)

Re Los Angeles letter with lead for WFO to review
INS records re subject.

67c The following information was obtained from INS
files by SAC [redacted] on 11/5/57: One WALLACE FORD,
born 2/12/08 at Bolton, England, entered the United States
at San Pedro, California 7/25/37, having last resided in
London, England. He files Naturalization petition No. 97124
on 2/23/42 and was naturalized in UEDC, Los Angeles on
5/8/42. He has Naturalization Certificate Number 5501229.
This person is an actor and resided at Cornell, California
with his wife [redacted] and daughter [redacted] both born in
Ohio. 67c

It would appear the above individual is the
former prominent movie actor.

ONI files are still being searched re the subject.
The results will be furnished when available. P.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

November 29, 1957

SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

W. D. FARD
SM - NOI
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated
October 3, 1957, captioned as above.

Investigation through appropriate sources
at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, failed to
produce any record of an ERDMANN DOANE BEYNON.

A review of University of Michigan Faculty
and Staff Directories produced the name of an ERDMANN D. BEYNON,
who in 1934 was employed as a teaching fellow in Sociology for
the University of Michigan and whose home address at that time
was listed as 8475 Dearborn Street, Detroit, Michigan.

62c [REDACTED] Alumni
Catalog Office, University of Michigan, on November 20, 1957,
produced an alumni record for ERDMANN D. BEYNON who attended
the University of Michigan from 1931 through 1933, obtaining a
PhD Degree in the latter year. He was born August 17, 1892, at
Thornton, Ontario, Canada. During his enrollment he listed as
acquaintances who would be aware of his address the following:

J. L. PANGLE
Room 414
Federal Building
Detroit, Michigan

O. J. MOORE
Same address as above.

The alumni records also carried a 1932
address for these two named individuals as Room 425 Lafayette
Building, Detroit, Michigan.

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The University of Michigan alumni records carry as the last known address for BEYNON, 212 Chandler Street, Flint 3, Michigan, which address, according to alumni records, was valid as of March, 1956.

62 [REDACTED] provided a current Flint, Michigan, Telephone Directory, noting that it failed to carry a listing for ERDMANN D. BEYNON; however, it did contain a listing for a Mrs. ERDMANN D. BEYNON of 212 Chandler Street, Flint, Michigan.

Investigation is continuing in this Division at the Flint and Detroit addresses noted in an attempt to locate and interview BEYNON in accordance with referenced letter.



Mr. Muhammad Speaks

THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN — THE INFIDELS (ANTI-CHRISTS) ARE ANGRY

Who is His father if God is not His father? God is His father, but the Father is also a man. You have heard of old that God prepared a body, or the expected Son of Man; Jesus is a special prepared man to do a work of redeeming the lost sheep (the so-called Negroes). He had to have a body that would be part of each side (black and white), half and half. Therefore, being born or made from both people, He is able to go among both black and white without being discovered or recognized. This He has done in the person of Master W. F. Muhammad, the man who was made by His Father to go and search for the lost members of the Tribe of Shabazz (though you find them among the infidels, return them to their own). Master W. F. Muhammad is that Son of Man that the world has been looking for to come for 2,000 years, seeking to save that which was

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lost. There are no historical records that there was ever a people lost from each other for 400 years other than we, the so-called Negroes. We have been so long separated from each other that we have lost the knowledge of each other. Even today the white American slavemasters are ever on the watch to keep out any Asiatic influence that might come among the so-called Negroes to teach them the truth. They are our real open enemies. This is no secret. The Son of Man is after the so-called Negroes to sit them in Heaven and His enemies in Hell. After His conquest of the black nation's enemies, the world will know and recognize Him (Allah) to be God alone. There is no prob-

lem to solve as the problem of uniting the American so-called Negroes. They are like a dead man totally without life. They have lost all love of self and kind and have gone all out in loving their enemies (the devils). They do not seem to want any God to do anything like blessing them unless that God blesses their enemies, too. FEAR of their enemies is the real cause. The time is now ripe that they should have no fear, only the fear of Allah, who is in person among them to save them from their enemies. By all means, they must be separated from the white race (the devils), in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. "For I will take you from among the heathen and gather you out of all countries and will bring you into your own land" (Ezekiel 36:24).

The so-called Negroes have no home (country) that they can call their own. They have helped the white race (the devils) to own a free country, but they have nothing for themselves. This is the purpose of His coming: to give everyone that which is rightfully theirs. The Son of Man (the Great Mahdi, God in person) has power over all things. You cannot find a defense against Him in a war. Your weapons mean nothing. The powers of Heaven and earth today will be ordered to fight on the side of the Mahdi (Son of Man) against His enemies. He is the friend of the so-called Negroes

and not of white people. His purpose is to take the so-called Negroes and kill their enemies, although many of us will suffer from persecution and hunger. The good end is for those of you who will hold fast to Allah and His religion, Islam. The devils are now playing many tricks to keep the Negroes here with them to suffer the fire of hell which the devils cannot escape. Fly Allah! Come, follow me. Though I may look insignificant to you, you will find salvation with us. The white race is excited and cannot think for themselves. The Negroes, Muslim, amidst are a shelter do they know it.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, WFO (100-34329)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - NOI
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago letter, 10/30/57, with lead for WFO
to check ONI re subject.

On 12/4/57 SE [REDACTED] was advised by ONI
personnel that no record of the subject was found in ONI
files. RUC.

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- ② - Chicago (100-33683)(RM)
- 1 - WFO

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WALLACE DON FORD, was.
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The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, were checked through the Commanding Officer, Colonel GERALD H. DUIN, on 11/22/57 through 12/2/57 by IC [REDACTED] without locating any record of the subject. However, CRF Indices reflect information concerning the following individuals, all not identified, located in the Intelligence Records Section, DA, The Pentagon, under the following:

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2 - Bureau REGISTERED MAIL
5 - Chicago (100-33683) REGISTERED MAIL
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2 - WFO REGISTERED MAIL
1 - Baltimore

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Re: [REDACTED]

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CRF Indices also reflects information concerning [REDACTED] not further identified, is located in the Intelligence Document Library, ACSI, DA, The Pentagon, under the following file numbers:

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WFO is requested to review the above cross-references at ACSI, DA, The Pentagon, and if they are determined to be identical with the subject, to report the pertinent information.

WFO is also requested to consider making appropriate inquiry at the Intelligence Records Section concerning G-2 "Organizational Files" concerning the NOI and the "Development of Our Own" for any information re the subject. RUC.

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

12/30/57

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

WALLACE DON FORD, Was.
W. D. Fard, "Allah",
Mohammad Ali, Fred Dodd,
Wali Farrad, Wallace Farad,
W. D. Feraud, Wallei Ford,
Wali Mohammad, F. Mohammad - ALI
Farrad Mohammad
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
OO - CHICAGO

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Re Chicago letter to Director dated 10/30/57;
Portland letter to Chicago dated 10/29/57 and Bulet to
Chicago dated 11/15/57.

It is noted that Portland has located a marriage
between a FRED DODD and a PEARL ALLEN at Multnomah County,
Oregon, on 5/9/14. It is further noted that the subject's
former common law wife, HAZEL EVELSIZER, when interviewed
on 10/17/57 at Los Angeles advised that she and FORD had
never married because FORD had previously been married in
Oregon and that there had been a bitter separation after
which FORD had been unable to obtain a divorce.

Portland should conduct all logical investigation
to identify FRED DODD who was married on 5/9/14 in Oregon.
Portland, while conducting investigation, should bear in
mind the fact that the subject's true name may have been
FRED DODD and that he changed his name to FORD when moving
to Los Angeles because of former marital difficulties.

In this connection, it is noted that the child
born to FORD and EVELSIZER on 9/1/20 at Los Angeles was named
WALLACE DODD FORD.

Los Angeles should determine the present location
of HAZEL EVELSIZER and set out a lead to have her determine
the origin of the name WALLACE DODD FORD given the child of

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Portland (105-544)
- 2 - Los Angeles (105-4805)
- ① - Chicago

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the subject. Los Angeles should determine if the child was possibly named after some relative of the subject.

It is noted that the last known appearance of the subject was an arrest in 9/33 by the Chicago Police Department. In this connection, Los Angeles should determine as nearly as possible the exact date of the subject's last visit to his former common law wife at which time he made the statement he intended to go to New Zealand.

For the information of Portland, Chicago possesses photographs of subject taken in June, 1926 and July, 1933. If these photographs are necessary to conduct investigation in Oregon, Portland should request Chicago to forward copies for their use.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 12/31/57

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.,
SM - NOI

OO: Chicago

Remylet to Butte dated 10/29/57.

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On 12/6/57, [REDACTED] for
Marion County Clerk's Office, Salem, Oregon, advised SA
[REDACTED] that a check of the records of that office
failed to reflect any record of a divorce involving a person
by the name of W. D. FORD, FRED DODD, PEARL ALLEN, or PEARL
DODD.

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2 Chicago (RM) One sent Bureau
1 Portland 5/1/63 [REDACTED]
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 1/9/58

FROM : *NAB* SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM-NOIALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 6-21-95 BY SP12 BRe Chicago letter dated 12/30/57. 351980

On 1/8/58 it was again verified that Marion County maintains no birth records, and that all records for Oregon, other than Portland, since 1903, are at the State Board of Health (already checked).

On 1/8/58, a careful check was made of the following without locating any record of the subject or his family:

1909 Salem City Directory.
1909 Marion County Tax List.
1910 Salem City Directory.
1910 Marion County Tax List.
1911 Salem City Directory.
1911 Marion County Tax List.
1913 Salem City Directory.
1913 Marion County Tax List.

1915 and 1917 City Directories for Marion County, including following:

Salem, Woodburn, Stayton, Silverton, Turner, West Stayton, West Woodburn, Aumsville, Aurora, Brooks, Chemawa, Detroit, Donald, Gates, Gervais, Hoover, Hubbard, Jefferson, Marion, Mehama, Mill City, Mt. Angel, Niagara, Pratum, St. Paul, Shaw, and Sublimity, as well as all rural routes out of these towns.
1915 and 1917 Marion County Tax lists.

No other directories were available for period 1918-20. 62c

On 1/8/57, [redacted] Credit Bureau, Inc., Salem, advised their records go back only to about 1931.

On 1/8/57, the following could locate no record:

Deputy [redacted] Marion County Sheriff's Office, Salem.
[redacted] Salem Police Department.
[redacted] Salem Water Department.

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2-Chicago
1-Portland

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SAC, DETROIT (100-5549)

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SAC, CHICAGO (25-20607)

NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

62 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is in close contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National Leader of the NOI, on January 4, 1958, furnished the following information:

Informant advised that on January 4, 1958, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] from Detroit, Michigan, contacted CLARA MUHAMMAD (wife of ELIJAH). He stated that he is an artist and the person who drew the picture "with the jewels and of Brother ELIJAH about ten years ago". He stated, "I am a good Muslim and I have had a whole lot of torment the last few days and something is trying to kill me to keep me from helping him (possibly ELIJAH), and told me that I was supposed to help the temple raise him up because I am a good Muslim and I get messages from W. D. MOHAMMED (ph) (W. D. FARD)." 62

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Detroit is requested to furnish identifying information concerning [redacted]

Although it appears that [redacted] may be a psychopath, Detroit is requested to conduct investigation to determine if there is any basis for his statement that he is receiving messages from W. D. MOHAMMED (W. D. FARD).

Detroit reply should be directed to Chicago file 100-33683 (W. D. FARD).

- 4 - Detroit (RM)
 - 2 - 100-5549 (NOI)
 - 1 - 100- [redacted] (W. D. FARD)
 - 1 - 100- [redacted]
 - 3 - Chicago
 - 1 - 25-20607
 - 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 - ① - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)
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DATE 6-21-95 BY SP1 [redacted] 62

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)
RE: WALLACE DON FORD, Was.
SM - NOI
OO: Chicago

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DATE 2-9-95 BY SP12
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Re Chicago letter to Bureau, dated 12/30/57.

Postmaster's Office, Los Angeles, advised on 1/13/58 that Mr. and Mrs. EVELSIZER advised Los Angeles Post Office on 1/13/58 that effective 1/11/58 that their address would temporarily be Sun Crest Court, Lot 7, Stock Island, Key West, Florida.

To aid Miami in conducting interview, there is enclosed to Miami Chicago's letters to Bureau 10/3/57 and 12/30/57, Portland letter to Chicago, 10/29/57, Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 10/18/57.

Miami should expedite interview of HAZEL EVELSIZER before she moves. - RUC -

- 3 - Bureau
 - ① - Chicago (105-33683)
 - 2 - Miami (Encls. 4)
 - 1 - Los Angeles
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DIRECTOR, FBI

January 17, 1958

SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

W. D. FARD, was.
AM - NOI
OO: Chicago

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DATE 2-21-95 BY SP12

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ReCGlet to Bureau 10/30/57 in captioned matter.

67c This is to advise that the Detroit files and references have been carefully reviewed by Correlation Clerk [redacted] and a Correlation Memorandum prepared. An autostatic copy of same is being transmitted herewith for the information of Chicago.

Investigation is continuing in Detroit to cover the remaining leads set forth in relet.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - 100-33683
- 1 - 25-20607
- 1 - Detroit (100-26356)

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TO : SAC, DETROIT (100-26356*)

DATE: December 11, 1957

FROM : [REDACTED] 62

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - NOI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 6-21-95 BY SP12 [REDACTED]

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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau, October 30, 1957.

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Photo of WALLACE D. FORD, in 1933, contained in 1-A

Serial 9 62c

Report of SA [REDACTED] June 1, 1942, at Washington, cc Chicago, re WILLIE MOHAMMED, was. WILLIE MOHAMMED stated he was born near Sandersville, Ga., on August 5, 1891 and his slave name was WILLIE POOLE. WILLIE MOHAMMED advised he met "ALLAH" or W. D. FORD in Detroit in 1931.

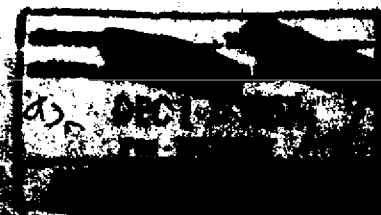
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Report of SA [REDACTED] at Chicago, June 13, 1942, re GULAN BOGANS, was. This report states that a teletype was received from WFO on May 11, 1942 stating that GULAN BOGANS had been apprehended. The Chicago Temple of the moslems was located at 104 East 51st Street. This organization (not further described) was founded in 1931 at Detroit, Michigan, by W. D. FORD. FORD was reported to have been arrested on three occasions in Detroit for teaching Islam.

Milwaukee teletype on May 19, 1942, reflect that the records at the Temple in Milwaukee reflect that W. D. FORD was reported to be the "ALLAH" of Islam and in all probability could be located at 6026 Vernon Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] at Detroit, July 10, 1942,
re WILLIE MOHAMMED.

This report reflects that WILLIE MOHAMMED was born August 5, 1891 as WILLIE POOLE. WILLIE MOHAMMED was under indictment on two counts because he refused to register for the draft. WILLIE MOHAMMED advised he met WALLACE D. FARAD in Detroit in 1931 and FARAD at that time was the leader and organizer of the Islam religion in Detroit. He advised that FARAD left Detroit in 1933 or 1934 and had no idea where he could be located at the present time.

25-17462-3

Fifth Army Report dated November 28, 1950, re the "Moslem Holy Temple of Islam - Detroit Branch.

This report states the "DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OWN" and the Islam Temple cults came in for some intensive investigation by the Detroit Police Department in 1933-35 and the following information was obtained from the Police Department records:

In 1930, a man calling himself W. D. FARD, took over a group of negroes that had been organized by another Negro named Noble D. Oille, as a Moslem Islamite group. This group practiced the Moslem religion. Meetings were held at the homes of various members of the group. This group claimed to have been originally set up in 1913. At some time in the year 1932 or 1933 a Major TAKAHASHI became active in the group.

According to a "Handbook of the Detroit Negro", published by the Minority Study Associates, editor ULYSSES BOYKIN, an organization which called itself the "DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OWN" was started by a negro named GEORGE GRIMES, a city worker, as a legitimate political organization in 1930. A Japanese named Major TAKAHASHI took over the organization.

W. D. FERAUD claimed that he was the originator of the "DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OWN" and the Moslem Temple of Islam Cult and cited as proof a book that had been copyrighted by him in the U.S. Library of Congress titled "5 Guiding Principles". In 1934 W.D. FARD was given police notice to get out of Detroit and he left.

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In Detroit between 1931 to 1934 there were approximately 700 members of an organization called "The Nation of Islam," a pseudo-religious order in which the members of the above organization purported to be allied with the Mohammedan religion. This organization was established by W. D. FORD.

25-4433-1-3

67 Report of SA [REDACTED] August 8, 1942, at Chicago, re [REDACTED] was.

[REDACTED] a negro was apprehended by the Chicago PD and admitted he refused to register under the Selective Service Act. [REDACTED] advised he was "Muslim" and his religion forbid registration for any purpose.

When questioned as the officials of the organization [REDACTED] advised the prophet and original leader was W. D. FORD but the local leader in Chicago was ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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RE: NAKA NAKANE, was.

62-709-64 678

Report of SA [REDACTED] March 20, 1940, at Detroit,
re NAKA NAKANE.

NAKANE, a Japanese, emigrated to Canada in approximately 1900 where he married ANNIE CRADDOCK. In 1921, NAKANE emigrated to Tacoma, Washington, with his wife and family, remaining there until 1926, when he disappeared in financial disgrace. In 1933 he appeared in Detroit, Michigan, using the name of TAKAHASHI where he became active in promoting the negro organization "Development of Our Own." NAKANE married Mrs. PEARL T. SHERROD, negress, (DE File 100-15357) on February 24, 1934, who was active in above organization. NAKANE was deported to Japan April 20, 1934 by INS without funds. On August 29, 1934, NAKANE arrived at Vancouver, B.C., Canada, in possession of \$2,000., subsequently residing at Vancouver, B.C., Windsor and Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from which points he directed policies of DOOO through his wife. In September, 1938, a marital rift caused NAKANE to appoint CA L. C. BATES, negro, as executive.

Strife within the DOOO caused NAKANE to illegally re - enter the U.S. at Buffalo, N.Y., on January 11, 1939 using the name of KUBO and after coming to Detroit, reorganized his loyal followers into the "Onward Movement of America." On June 27, 1939 NAKANE was arrested for illegal entry and attempted bribery of U.S. Immigration Inspector. On September 28, 1939 NAKANE was convicted for attempted bribery in Federal Court at Detroit, Michigan, sentenced to three years' imprisonment and \$4500. fine.

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62-709-64-58

NAKA NAKANE stated that when he first came to Detroit at the insistence of Reverend JOHN WHITE of Tacoma, Washington, he resided with ABDUL MOHAMMED for approximately two weeks. NAKANE stated he left the residence of ABDUL MOHAMMED because he considered MOHAMMED a fraud. Following this he attended several colored churches and frequented the YMCA's in this city and at the insistence of the colored people whom he met was instrumental in organizing the DOOO, which was incorporated in the State of Michigan. He alleges this organization was started in 1930 although throughout the investigation no one could remember its existence before the latter part of 1932 or the early part of 1933. He stated the DOOO had become inactive after his deportation to Japan in 1934.

62-709-64-60

"The speech, 'Japan's Divine Mission' was admittedly written by NAKANE but he states that he did not give this at any of the meetings of either organization sponsored by him. The speech 'The Sinking Ship and the Life Boat', was written by Mrs. CHEABER MC INTYRE and was read at several of the meetings but according to NAKANE was too complicated for the people to understand. ABDUL MOHAMMED mentioned hereinbefore is alleged to be deceased at the present time, having died in an insane hospital."

The foregoing paragraph was set out in the report between two paragraphs setting out information furnished by NAKANE during an interview. It is not known whether or not NAKANE furnished the information re the death of ABDUL MOHAMMED.

100-15357-7

62 On August 9, 1957, [REDACTED] City of Detroit Housing Commission, 3115 Hastings, Detroit, advised that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Detroit, and has resided there since April 27, 1953. He related that her husband NAKA NAKANE, who was a Japanese, has been deceased since March 2, 1953. [REDACTED] further advised that in his opinion [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED] * 100-3703*

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Report of SA [REDACTED], December 10, 1942, at
Detroit, re [REDACTED] was., IS-J; CUSTODIAL DETENTION.

Information was received that [REDACTED] wrote a letter to the Governor of Michigan stating Negro soldiers were mistreated at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. [REDACTED] stated to his Local Board he would never take the oath to defend the United States.

On September 9, 1942, [REDACTED] was contacted in his home at [REDACTED] and requested to come to the Detroit Field Office for interview.

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On September 10, 1942, [REDACTED] came to the Detroit Office and was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised he came to Detroit when very young and met a man by the name of ABDUL MOHAMMED, who was very dark and was also a Moslem. [REDACTED] stated that this MOHAMMED founded the Development of Our Own and that he joined it in about 1930. He stated he was [REDACTED] to MOHAMMED and that MOHAMMED died in either 1936 or 1937 and the organization went out of business. He stated the ABDUL MOHAMMED had lived at 1921 Hindle. [REDACTED] advised he had heard a man by the name of TAKAHASHI had taken over the DOOO and that MOHAMMED had told him the following story before ABDUL died:

MOHAMMED advised [REDACTED] that TAKAHASHI met him, MOHAMMED, around 1933 or 1934 and MOHAMMED had met TAKAHASHI as he, MOHAMMED, was always interested in Orientals who came to this country, and TAKAHASHI, for some reason, knew about MOHAMMED and looked him up upon arrival in the United States. MOHAMMED advised that TAKAHASHI was sick and that he, ABDUL MOHAMMED, and his wife nursed TAKAHASHI back to health. TAKAHASHI told MOHAMMED that MOHAMMED would never make any money on the DOOS and that he should follow TAKAHASHI's ways and they would both make money. MOHAMMED then allegedly told TAKAHASHI that he would not rob the Negro people, as the organization was founded to help the Negroes and that the majority of Negroes were very ignorant. MOHAMMED advised Subject that TAKAHASHI then got quite angry with him and left and that he told MOHAMMED that he would start his own organization. [REDACTED] advised that MOHAMMED told the police department that anyone having one of the DOOO cards with TAKAHASHI's name on it was an outlaw because they were using his, MOHAMMED's, position, the DOOO.

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The 1957 Phone Directory lists the following and it is not known if this is identical with the [REDACTED] in whom you are interested.

RE: ABDUL MOHAMMED

100-5549-29

This serial is date stamped October 21, 1942.

"MOHAMMED, Abdul (deceased)
Detroit, Michigan

9ND
CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: (a) 9ND card, FARRAD, Wali, Mr. (with aliases),
dated 10/13/42;
(b) 9ND card, Nation of Islam, dated 9/23/42.

Rating "B" report: Subject, negro, a "first officer" of Detroit "Temple" of Nation of Islam, negro-mohammedan cult, was host of Satakata Takahashi, agent of Black Dragon Society of Japan, at time of latter's arrival in Detroit in early 1930s. In 1939 TAKAHASHI advised FBI that he came to Detroit at instance of Rev. John WHITE, colored minister in Tacoma, Washington, who had received communications from Subject, encouraging "some Japanese in that territory to proceed to Detroit to work among the colored people." TAKAHASHI said that he left Subject's home after two week stay because he thought him a "fraud." Thereafter, according to TAKAHASHI, he founded an organization really for the best interest of negroes, called Development of Our Own. Meanwhile it is reported that Subject is opposition to the doctrine of the National of Islam (ref. b) that Negro-Mohammedans did not belong to America and that they were citizens of the Holy City of Mecca, with allegiance only to the Moslem flag, seceded and "organized a small Moslem group of his own in which the cardinal principle was loyalty to the Constitution of the United States and to its flag." Subject died prior to 1939, allegedly in an insane hospital.

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RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS residing at [REDACTED]
Detroit, in January, 1943, when he was interviewed. No
current address could be located for him.

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WALLACE DON FORD
(CARBON)

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BTJ/SC

CORRELATION SUMMARY

Classified by ~~_____~~
Declassify on: OADR

Main File No: 105-83642

Date: 1-15-58

See Also - 100-8582 (not recorded serial,
dated 8/7/42, filed
above serial 87)

Date Searched: 11/14/57

85-330971 (serial 1565, p. 19)

Subject: Wallace Don Ford

Found As: See Page # 2

Also Searched As: See Page # 2

~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 12/95 BY SP12 BTJ/SC~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However, it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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Found As:

Wallace Don Ford, Wallei Ford, Wallie D. Ford, Wally D. Ford, W. D. Ford, Wallace Farad, W. D. Ferand, Fred Dodd, One Allah, W. D. Ford, Wallace Ford, Wallie Ford, Wallace D. Ford, Wallace Don Ford, One Ford, A. Wallace Ford, Allah Ford, W. D. Farad, Wallace Don Farad, W. D. Farrad, W. D. Mohammed, W. D. F. Mohammed, W. D. Ford Mohammed, W. D. Farren, Mohammed, W. D. Ferrad Muhammad, Wallace Ford Muhammad, W. F. Muhammad, W. D. Farard, W. D. Farrard, W. D. Farren, W. D. Ferrard, One Mahediah, One Mohammed, Ford Muhammad, F.D. F. Mukmuk, Ali Mohammed, Mohammed Ali, Wali Farrad, Wali Mohammed, Mohammed Wali, F. Mohammed Ali, F. Ali Mohammed, Farrad Mohammed, Mohammed Farrad.

Also Searched As:

Allah, Wally Ford, Walker Ford, W. Ford, Mehamat Ali, Mohamid Ali, Mohameud Ali, Mohamed Alli, Ali Mohammed, Wali Mohammed, Walley Mohammed, Walli Mohammed, Mohammed Wali, Wallace Muhammad, Wallace D. Muhammad, Ford Mohammed, Mohammed Ford, Muhammad Ford, W. F. Mukmuk.

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This summary pertains to Wallace Don Ford, the alleged founder of the Nation of Islam (NOI), who was known to the members of that organization as Allah, the Supreme Being.

Due to the sensitive nature of the information disclosed, the following is being set forth to aid the reader.

This summary was prepared on the assumption that Wallace Don Ford was identical with the subject of FBI No. 56062.

The Biographical Data on Ford very obviously contains discrepancies; however all information, regardless of the validity, reportedly pertaining to the subject, has been included to benefit the reader.

The name W. F. Mohammed was not searched during the preparation of this summary. This name was reflected in numerous references pertaining to the subject of this summary; however, it could not be determined whether the W. F. Mohammed mentioned referred to Ford or Elijah Mohammed, Ford's prophet in the NOI, who was also known as W.F. Mohammed. The information, therefore, was not incorporated into the summary.

Also excluded from this summary were form letters appearing in various references which were directed to the Temple in Chicago by members of the dark race for the purpose of obtaining their original names since the dark people allegedly possessed only slave names. Ford's main file indicated that these letters were filed awaiting his return, and that pending his return, those whose letters had been approved were allowed to use their first names followed by the letter "I."

The majority of the references found identical with Ford contained the name Allah, who was also identical with Ford. In these instances the information on Ford was incorporated in this summary, but the information reflecting the name Allah when used as a deified personage and as such setting forth his teachings and powers was not included herein. However, a list of such references may be found on pages 47, 48 and 49 of this summary.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name:

Wallace Don Ford, was, Wallet Ford,
 Wallie D. Ford, Wally D. Ford, W. D.
 Ford, Wallace Farad, W. D. Farand,
 Fred Dadd, One Allah, W. D. Fard,
 Wallace Ford, Wallie Ford, Wallace
 D. Ford, Wallace Don Ford, One Fard,
 A. Wallace Fard, Allah Fard, W. D.
 Farad, Wallace Don Farad, W. D. Farrad,
 W. D. Mohammed, Ali Mohammed,
 Mohammad Ali, Wali Farad, W. D. Farau
 Wali Mohammed, Mohammad Wali, F.
 Mohammad Ali, F. Ali Mohammed, Farrad
 Mohammad, Mohammad Farrad, W. D. F.
 Mohammed, W. D. Fard Mohammed, W. D.
 Farrow Mohammed, W. D. Farrad Muhammad
 Wallace Fard Muhammad, F. F. Muhammad,
 W. D. Farard, W. D. Farrard, W. D.
 Farrow, W. D. Farrard, One Mahadiah,
 One Mohammed, Fard Muhammad, W. D. F.
 Mukluk, Mahdi*, W. F. Muck Muck*,
 W. F. Muhammad*, Muck Muck*, A.
 Wallace Fard Mohammed*, A. Wallace
 Mohammed*, W. Farr Muhammad*, W. F.
 Muhammad*, W. F. Mohammed*.

Birth:

2/25/91, Portland, Ore.

Reported Birthdates and Birthplaces:

1873
 1900
 2/26/77, Mecca
 1894, New Zealand

Description:

Race:

White, Negro

Nationality:

American, Arabian, New Zealand

Height:

5'6 3/8, " 5'8"

Weight:

139 lbs., 135 lbs.

Complexion:

Dark

Eyes:

Hazeln, Black

Hair: Black; in 1932, reportedly wore hair long and full in back

Parents: Zared Ford and Beatrice Ford, both born in Hawaii

Marital Status: Hazel Barten (around 1920 to 1926; no record of marriage or divorce)

Child: Wallace Dodd Ford, changed to Wallace Max Ford (b. 9/1/20 in Los Angeles; in US Coast Guard during World War II; killed at Linhaven Roads, Va., on 8/3/42)

Ford was reported to have been married prior to the above time, which marriage ended in a bitter separation, and Ford was unable to obtain a divorce. It was further reported that a son resulted from this marriage sometime prior to 1914 or 1915, possibly in Oregon. (Names not given)

Education: Public schools, Portland, Ore.

Criminal Record:

Los Angeles PD
No.:

16447, 16448

11/17/18:

Arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and released.

1/20/26:

Violation of the Volstead Act (California prohibition law), possession and sale

3/4/26:

Sentenced to a \$1.00 fine or 1 day in jail on count 1 and \$400.00 fine or 180 days in jail on count 2

2/15/26:

Arrested for violation of the State Poison Act.

San Quentin No:

42314

6/12/26-

5/27/29:

San Quentin Penitentiary for violation of the Calif. State Poison Act.

Criminal Record (Con't):

Detroit PD No: 45136

5/26/33: Arrested on charge of investigation at the Frayne Hotel as Chief of the Foodies.

Ford was reported to have been arrested 3 times in Detroit prior to 5/26/33 for teaching Islam. (No detailed account set out)

Residences:

1891-1913: Portland, Ore.
1913-1926: Los Angeles, Calif.
1920: 347 S. Flower St., Los Angeles
No Date: 4401 Mt. Eagle Pl., Los Angeles
1930-May, 1933: Detroit, Mich.
(probably Nation of Islam Temple)
May, 1933-1934: Chicago, Ill.
(probably Nation of Islam Temple)
1934: Whereabouts unknown

Reported Residences:

7/4/30: Arrived in North America from Mecca, Arabia
Prior to 1933: Chicago
1933: Returned to Mecca
1934: Detroit
Subsequent to 1934: Mecca
No Date: 6026 S. Vernon Ave., Chicago
(possibly address of Nation of Islam Temple)
August, 1942: Mecca

Reported Residences (con't)

October, 1950: US
1951: Muslim Cult of Islam Temple,
115th St., NYC
August, 1953: Mecca
1955: Alive; whereabouts unknown

Occupations:

About 1913 to
about 1926: Proprietor of cafe at 347 S. Flower St.,
Los Angeles
Prior to 1926: Cook (no locality)
1930-May, 1933: Teacher of Islam at the Nation of Islam
Temple in Detroit
May, 1933-1934: Teacher of Islam at the Nation of Islam
Temple in Chicago.

Reported Occupations:

Around 1930: Door-to-door peddler in Detroit
1931-1934: Teacher of Islam at the Nation of Islam
Temple in Detroit.
July, 1942: Head of the Japanese Army

Organizational Affiliations:

Development of Our Own, reportedly Organizer
Nation of Islam, reportedly Founder and their
Allah

Wallace Don Ford is not on the Security Index.

ABBREVIATIONS

MCI.....Muslim Cult of Islam

NOI.....Nation of Islam

It should be noted that the Muslim Cult of Islam was also known as the Nation of Islam and the Allah Temple of Islam.

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On 2/17/54, T-1, of unknown reliability, a former member of MCI Temple ██████████ NYC, and a ██████████ in the Fruit of Islam, advised that the NOI was founded about 1930 in Detroit by one W. D. Farrad. Informant advised that W. D. Farrad was known in the NOI as Allah. He continued that the Prophet, Elijah Mohammed, and the former minister of the NY and Washington Temples, Sultan Mohammed, were personally taught by Allah in Detroit. (T-1: ██████████
US Army)

On 9/27/54, ██████████ was interviewed at which time he advised that the members of the NOI believed in the divine nature of Allah, who was known as W. D. Farrad, and in the divine powers of Elijah Mohammed.

On 7/27/54, during an interview with ██████████ member of NY Temple ██████████ was identified a ██████████ of the MCI in NYC.

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NY rpt., 10/28/54 (CG 25-20607)
Re: MCI, aka; IS-MCI
25-330971-417, pp. 2, 22
(8) (38)
SI par 1 above
100-135-15-5, p. 3 (Detroit files)
(5)

On 11/5/52, a meeting of the MCI of Detroit was held (place not given) at which time Lloyd X, the Assistant Minister, was the main speaker. During this meeting, Lloyd X gave a brief history of W. D. Mohammed, and talked a great deal about slavery and the "white devils" prejudices. Following this, Lloyd X had people from the audience testify as to what Allah had done for them. The first individual to testify was an elderly man (not identified), who stated that he had believed in Christianity until W. D. Farrad (ph) came to Detroit and advised them about the Islam religion. This individual continued by stating that he had seen the light and had dined with God. In addition, he stated that Christ was born at 3408 Hastings St., Detroit, and related how Mary was looking for a place to have her child. (No further date set out).
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* It was not definitely determined whether this individual was identical with the subject of this summary

It was noted that W. D. Farrad was believed to be identical with W. D. Feraud or Fard, who, according to G-2, assumed the leadership of the MCI in Detroit in 1930.

CG Investigative Summary rpt.
4/8/53 (CG 25-20607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
MCI, aka;
Selective Service Act of 1948;
Conspiracy;
IS-C
25-330971-183, p. 14
(6) (15) (25) (31)

T-2, of unknown reliability, advised that he was present at the annual convention of the MCI held on 2/26/52 in Chicago.* The convention was called to order by one Sultan Mohammed, the leader of the Temple in Washington, D. C. He explained that the celebration was being held on 2/26/52 because that date marked the arrival of Allah ** in person to the shores of North America and also marked the date on which Allah chose Elijah Mohammed to be His apostle in North America. The informant advised that Sultan Mohammed was then followed by Jamil Diab, whom the informant described as the teacher of Arabic in the Number 2 Temple of Islam***, who spoke on discrimination in this country. The informant continued that following Diab, the Prophet**** addressed the group. His talk consisted of a description of the arrival of Allah ***** under the name of
(con't on next page)

* Exact address not clearly indicated

** Year of arrival not given

*** Located in Chicago

**** This apparently refers to Elijah Mohammed

***** No date set out

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W. D. Farrad, in North America and with subsequent discussion of the teaching of Mohammed after designating him as the prophet of Allah in this country. During this talk, the informant stated that Mohammed pointed to a blackboard on the stage on which was a drawing of the flag of the US. With this gesture, Mohammed stated to the assembly "We do not register with this man, nor do we serve him. The devils probably have a recorder taking down all of this. I don't care. I was given the truth to speak and that I will do."

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T-3: [REDACTED] Potential
Criminal Informant
CG Investigative Summary rpt.
5/16/52 (CG 25-30807)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
MCI, aka; et al;
Selective Service Act of 1948;
Conspiracy
25-330971-119, p. 22
(25)

62 670

On 4/19/54, [REDACTED] advised that at an MCI meeting in Philadelphia on 4/14/54, Brother Malcolm I (Little), Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple, stated that Elijah Mohammed had been raised up by Allah to teach who the enemy was. He stated that the Messenger (Elijah Mohammed) had been chosen by Allah who was no "speck" but a flesh and blood man who came to the wilderness of North America to raise the 17,000,000 (Negroes) from the dead and put them in their rightful place on top of civilization.

67c

PH Summary rpt., 10/14/54
Re: [REDACTED] was;
SM-MCI
105-32517-2, p. 7, 11, 16
(18)

* Date not given

On 10/26/43, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Detroit, was interviewed in the Detroit Field Office. [REDACTED] advised that he had been a member of the Temple of Islam since [REDACTED] and still attended meetings at irregular intervals. According to [REDACTED] W. D. Fard was in charge of the Temple in 1932 and was known as the Prophet and also as Allah. He advised that Fard predicted the present war, stating that Germany and the dark races of the world would be fighting against all of the white races some time at a future date. As to the outcome of the war, he predicted that the white races would be beaten down and that a dark race would take complete control. According to [REDACTED], Fard also stated that the members of the Temple of Islam would be better off if the darker races won the war. [REDACTED] stated that Fard predicted that in the war to come all persons in the US would be called upon to register in order that they might fight for the US. Fard told the people that inasmuch as they were not citizens of the US but citizens of Islam, there would be nothing that would require them to register, that each individual would have to make his own decision. [REDACTED] also advised that Fard told the people to line up with the darker races when the war came. [REDACTED] further stated that he had not heard the Japanese people mentioned in the Temple since approximately 1933 when W. D. Fard left the Temple.

DE rpt. 10/29/43

Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;
Elijah Mohammed, was;
IS-J; Sedition; Selective Service
100-8582-137, p. 3
(17)

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On 2/21/57, [REDACTED] made available a copy of a 56 page booklet entitled "The Supreme Wisdom..." by Mr. Elijah Muhammad. This booklet contained portions of the message being taught the so-called Negroes by Elijah Muhammad. The following was one of the teachings:

"The Coming of Allah"

'Allah came to us from the Holy City of Mecca, Arabia, in 1930.

'He used the name of Wallace D. Fard, often signing it W. D. Fard. In the third year (1933) He signed His name 'W. F. Muhammad' which stands for Wallace Fard Muhammad.

'He came alone.'

CG rpt., 7/8/57 (CG 100-6989)
Re: Elijah Poole, was Elijah Muhammad, Elijah Mohammed, Gulam Begane, The Messenger of Allah, Elijah Muck Muck, The Prophet, Mohammed Rassouli; IS-NOI 105-34822-24, p. 19 (Not Indexed)

62, 670

On 7/6/54, [REDACTED] advised that on 7/2/54 a meeting was held at the Youngstown, Ohio, MCI Temple on Elks St. At that time, those in attendance were taught that Allah came 9,000 miles to the help of North America in the name of W. D. Fardard to teach the so-called Negro his religion and that Elijah Mohammed was trained for 3 1/2 years to teach the people.

On 7/20/54 and 7/27/54, [REDACTED] advised that a meeting was held on 7/18/54 and 7/25/54, respectively, at the Youngstown Temple during which time Theodore X stated basically the same above information, indicating that Allah arrived in 1930. Informant identified Theodore X as the owner of the Mercury Shoe Cleaning and Dyeing Store, Youngstown.

The Youngstown Directory reflected the owner of this store was Ted E. Boat.

CV rpt. (CG 25-20607)
Re: The MCI, aka;
IS-MCI
25-330971-394, pp. 2, 4, 5
(38)

00104

67c

On 2/20/52, the Detroit PD telephonically advised that [redacted] had been arrested for investigation of armed robbery. [redacted] was subsequently interviewed at the PD during which time he advised that he was self-employed as an artist and that his real name was [redacted]. He indicated that he had received this name from W. D. Fard who left it for him in Detroit in 1933. [redacted] further stated that he believed in the Moslem religion but that he belonged to no organized group practicing the Moslem religion.

DE rpt. 3/11/52 (CG 25-20607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
et al; MCI;
Selective Service Act, 1948;
Conspiracy; Sedition
25-330971-99, p. 7
(14)

This reference set out interviews with members or former members of the NOI in Detroit. These interviews as a whole reflected that the individuals were registered with W. D. Fard during 1930-1933; that Fard was Allah, the Supreme Being; that NOI members owed allegiance only to the NOI; that Fard left Detroit in 1933; and that at meetings subsequent to Fard's departure, discussions were held regarding literature left behind by Fard. The following were the individuals interviewed:

Alleged Date
of Interview

Name

Alias

Not given

[redacted]

[redacted]

Not given

[redacted]

[redacted]

Not given

Not given

None

Not given

[redacted]

[redacted]

Not given

67c

Alleged Date
of Interview

Name

Alias

5/15/42

[REDACTED]

None

12/26/42

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2/10/43

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2/12/43

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2/20/43

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

5/19/43

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

9/4/43

This reference further set out a dissertation on "The Nation of Islam," source unknown, which reflected Fard's leadership in the organization in the early 1930's.

DE rpt., 1/12/44

Re: William Poole, was;

Selective Service;

Sedition

25-90417-22, pp. 1, 2, 4-28

(14)

This reference was a NY airtel, dated 5/28/57, captioned NOI. Enclosed with this airtel were copies of a blank memo which contained a brief history of the NOI. This material, which revealed no source of information, was to be furnished the NYO, PD, as requested by them, pending Bureau approval.

00106

According to the blank memo, the NOI was started in Detroit around 1930 by an individual known as W. D. Fard. Fard was a door-to-door peddler who in his contacts with Negroes in the Detroit vicinity convinced them of his ministerial abilities and eventually began holding house meetings. Fard first used the Bible as a guide in his meetings but as his following grew larger he began attacking the Bible and the white race in his speeches. When the number of followers became so large that houses were not large enough to accommodate them, Fard began preaching in a Detroit "temple," which temple was currently known as Temple 1 of the NOI.

The memo further stated that in May, 1933, Fard was ordered to leave Detroit by local authorities. Elijah Muhammad then assumed the leadership of the organization. The memo noted that throughout the cult the disappearance of Fard and the resultant leadership of Muhammad was explained as: "Fard, in reality Allah, himself, left Detroit to travel to Mecca and left Muhammad in charge."

25-330971-1880, encl. p. 1
(16)

At the time Gulam Begane was arrested, on 5/8/42, he advised that he first met Allah in 1931 and that this person went by the name of W. D. Fard. He stated that W. D. Fard had been arrested in Detroit on three different occasions for teaching Islam and that Fard was removed from Detroit by the authorities on 5/26/33. He claimed that he received all of his information concerning the NOI and the Moslem Sect from Fard.

By teletype dated 5/11/42, the Detroit Office was requested to check the records of the Detroit PD as to W. D. Fard and to furnish any available criminal record and photographs as well as any information concerning Fard's whereabouts.

WFO rpt 6/19/42
Re: Elijah Mohammed, aka,
Gulam Begane, was;
[redacted] was;
Detroit Selective Service
100-6582-22, pp. 1, 9, 12, 15
(9) (17)

62c
Several Selective Service delinquents claimed to have been registered with Wallace D. Ford, who was known as Allah, the Supreme God of the Universe, with the instruction that allegiance be pledged only to the NOI and to no other government. Among these individuals were [redacted] who registered in 1931; and [redacted] and [redacted] who registered in 1932.*

The Fifth Army, Regional Office, Detroit, advised in a report, dated 11/28/50, that the Development of Our Own and the Islam Temple cults caused intensive investigation by the Detroit City PD in 1933-1935. In 1930, according to these police records, a man calling himself W. D. Ford took over a group of Negroes which had been organized by another Negro named Noble D. Ollie** as a Moslem Islamite group. This group practiced the Moslem religion and held meetings at the homes of the various members.

The above report also reflected that in 1930, according to the "Handbook of the Detroit Negro," an organization which called itself the Development of Our Own was started by a Negro named George Grimes, a city worker, as a legitimate political organization. Source indicated that the handbook was published by the Minority Study Associates and was edited by Ulysses Boyken. Further, a Japanese named Major Satochasi Takahashi took over the organization and attempted to make it into a national group organized to fight the whites of the world. After a police raid in which the headquarters of the group was raided and a 9 point program for the organization of colored people over the world was found, Major Takahashi was deported. The report continued that Mrs. P. T. Sherrod, a Negro woman allegedly married to Takahashi, continued the work from 1934; however, in 1935, there was a schism and three different cliques in the cult branched out independently.

The same report stated that W. D. Ford claimed that he was the originator of the Development of Our Own and the Moslem Temple of Islam cult and cited as proof a book, which had been copyrighted by him, in the US Library of Congress, entitled "Five Guiding Principles." It was noted that he was possibly identical with the W. D. Ford of the police reports mentioned above. (Date not set out)

* The source of this information was apparently Detroit files.

** Probably refers to Noble Drew Ali.

This report further reflected that in 1934, W. D. Fard was given police notice to leave Detroit, which he did. There were reports, however, that he continued to make trips into Detroit to keep in contact with the Moslem movement there.

DE rpt., 3/15/51 (CG 25-20607)

Re: Elijah Mohammed;

62c [REDACTED] wa;

[REDACTED] wa;

Muslim Temple of Islam;

Selective Service Act of 1948;

Sedition; Conspiracy

25-330971-22, pp. 3, 10, 11

(14) (21) (CG 25-20607)

SI per 2-5 above

25-330971-154, pp. 3, 4 (G-2

rpt. dated 12/12/50)

(6) (14) (CG 25-20607)

In the Detroit Division, three organizations of colored people were investigated prior to 7/8/43 to determine whether Japanese propaganda was being disseminated through them. These three were the Development of Our Own, more recently known as the Onward Movement of America; the Moorish Science Temple of America; and the Allah Temple of Islam.

In connection with the latter organization, it was noted that it was founded in Detroit in 1931 by W. D. Fard, also known as Wallace Don Fard, W. D. Fard, and Allah. It was further noted that Fard's FBI No. was 56062, that he left Detroit about 1934, and that his present address was unknown.

Investigation of the Allah Temple of Islam failed to reveal any evidence of pro-Japanese influence.

DE rpt. 7/8/43

Re: Foreign Inspired

Agitation Among

American Negroes in

the Detroit Field Division

IS

100-135-15-115

(22)

It was ascertained by WFO prior to June, 1942, that the Moslem organization* was founded in 1931 at Detroit by W. D. Fard who was described as 65 years of age, 5'6" tall, 135 lbs., a Negro, with black hair and black eyes. Further, Fard was reported to have been arrested on three occasions in Detroit for teaching Islam.

On 5/16/42, the Detroit Office advised the Chicago Office that a raid had been conducted on the Temple of Islam and that 6 men and 5 women were taken into custody for questioning. It was learned from questioning these individuals that Wallace Don Fard, known as Allah, organized this group in 1931 but had left Detroit in 1934 and the members did not know his present address.

62 [redacted] who was in the Cook County Jail** for refusing to register for Selective Service, was interviewed at which time he furnished information regarding the cult organization there. [redacted] stated that the leader of the temple at 104 E. 51st. St. was W. D. Fard but that he had not seen him and could not give any information as to his present whereabouts. (No date set out)

It was noted that several other field offices *** had reported that W. D. Fard was the leader of the Moslem organization and was supposedly residing at 6026 S. Vernon Ave. (Date not set out)

62 [redacted] advised that most of the mail received by individuals at that address was addressed merely to "Mohammed." [redacted] advised that he did not know any of the people who lived in that house or exactly how many lived there.

[redacted]
(No date set out)

[redacted] advised that one of the children, a boy of 13, residing at the above address was known as "W.D." It was noted that W. D. were the initials of Fard. (Date not set out)

* This evidently refers to the NOI

** Apparently in the Chicago area

*** Not identified

The Chicago Office ascertained considerable information concerning the above address, including the lessee, alleged tenants and activities.***

62 On 5/26/42, [REDACTED] Chicago, called at the Chicago Office. At this time, she advised that the members of the Moslem organization believed in the living God called "Allah." She stated that they did not celebrate any of the American holidays except July 4th, the reason being that Allah was supposed to have been in Chicago ten years previously on July 4th.

62 [REDACTED] colored, incarcerated in the Cook County Jail as of June, 1942, also furnished information regarding the Moslem organization. He advised that at one time (date not given) he was a member of this organization and stated that W. D. Fard was the leader. He related that Fard advocated that members should not register for Selective Service inasmuch as this was a white man's war.

On 11/27/41, [REDACTED] voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Office and explained his failure to execute and return his Selective Service questionnaire. He stated that for the past three or four years, he had been a loyal member of the Moslem organization. He advised that he was "presently" a member of the organization located at 104 E. 51st St., Chicago. He stated that W. D. Fard was the Arabian leader of this organization but on further interview advised that he had never seen Fard and knew nothing concerning his whereabouts.

62 CG rpt., 6/13/42 (CG 100-6989)
Re: Gulam Bogana, was;
[REDACTED] was;
Sedition; Selective Service
100-6582-18, pp. 2, 3, 6-9, 11, 12
(17) (22)

Correlator's Note: It was not definitely determined whether the individual referred to in paragraph 5 above was identical with the subject of this summary.

*** This information is set out in detail.

62 67b 67c
On 3/1/54, [redacted] advised that [redacted] attended an MCI meeting in Philadelphia (exact place not given) on 2/28/54. Informant stated that at this meeting, Brother Willie Sharrieff told how Allah (W. D. Farrow Mohammed) had taken Elijah Mohammed out of the gutter in the streets of Detroit and had taught him in three and one-half years the knowledge of Islam. Sharrieff stated that Allah had been born on 2/26/77. 62 67b

As of late February, 1954, Willie Sharrieff was Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple, according to [redacted] 62 67b

62 67b 67c
On 3/22/54, [redacted] advised that [redacted] attended an MCI meeting in Philadelphia on 3/10/54 which was presided over by Brother Malcolm X. Malcolm stated that the dead brothers, those mentally dead, must all hear the teaching of W. D. Fard through Elijah Mohammed before the coming destruction could begin in this country.

As of 3/25/54, Brother Malcolm X (Little) was identified as the Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple, according to [redacted] 62 67b 67c

On 3/22/54, [redacted] advised that [redacted] attended an MCI meeting in Philadelphia on 3/14/54 at which Brother Malcolm X gave a speech on "What is the Supreme Being." Informant advised that Malcolm stated that W. D. Fard, who came from the East, was the Supreme Being. He advised further that Fard came to the planet earth for the express purpose of raising one Elijah Mohammed from the dead in order that he might be a "warrior" and "Savior" to his people.

PH Summary rpt., 9/29/54

Re: [redacted] 67c

SM-MCI

105-32265-1, pp. 8, 13

(9) (18) (31) (32) (39)

67c
On 3/14/49, [redacted] furnished a signed statement which reflected that he had met Allah in person in 1931 at Detroit and that Allah had taught him until the former's departure in 1939. The statement further reflected that [redacted] had not registered for the draft and would not because of the religion taught him by Allah. 67c

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In addition to the statement, [redacted] also advised on or prior to 5/14/42 that Allah was known to him as W. D. Ford. According to [redacted] Allah disappeared in 1934; [redacted] further added that he had no knowledge of Ford's whereabouts.

It was noted that since Allah's disappearance, Mohammed had been the leader of the Moslem cult in Detroit and had taught his followers the teachings of Allah.

WFO rpt., 6/1/42
Re: [redacted] Fugitive,
was; Selective Service - Sedition
25-90417-3, pp. 3, 4
(3) (14)

6c
The Chicago file on [redacted] Selective Service, reflected that he was arrested at the Temple of Islam in Chicago on 9/20/42 without a registration card. The file reflected that when he was interviewed (date not given), he advised that he had not registered under the Selective Service Act and would not do so. He asserted that he would rather go to jail than register as "Allah has told me that I do not have to register, and that I am not a citizen of the United States, and I am not to take any part in this government." He further advised that he regarded himself as a citizen of Asia and would return to that country when Allah so directed him.

6c
The Chicago file on [redacted] Selective Service, also reflected his arrest on 9/20/42 for not having a registration card as well as his subsequent interview on 9/21/42. At that time, he furnished a signed statement which reflected in part: "I have heard about the Selective Service Act, but I am not registered under that act. I did not register under that act because W. D. F. Muhammad advised me not to and not to have anything to do with it. He told me I was not a citizen of the United States, but that I was a citizen of Heaven and a 100% righteous Moslem registered in Heaven."

The Allah Temple of Islam was founded in 1929 or 1930, - exact date unknown, by W. D. Farad of Detroit. Farad was arrested by the Detroit PD in 1933 in connection with the cult activities of the Temple of Islam in that city. Farad had been serving a short sentence. He disappeared and had not been heard from since 1934. He assumed the title of Allah and prior to his departure, designated Elijah Mohammed at Chicago as the "Prophet." Temples of the organization were founded in Milwaukee, Wisc.; Cleveland, Ohio; Washington, D. C.; Chicago; and Detroit. (Source not given)

It was noted that all members of the Allah Temple of Islam had a belief in Allah, also Mr. W. D. Farad*, and contended that this individual would return to help them liberate themselves from the yoke of the white man's rule.

62
CG rpt., 10/18/43 (CG 100-12899)
Re: Allah Temple of Islam;
[REDACTED]

SM-J; Sedition
100-6583-139, pp. 1-4, 6, 7
(24) (44)

* This evidently signifies that Allah was also known as Mr. W. D. Farad.

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On 9/22/43, Elijah Mohammed, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were interviewed at Chicago during which time they furnished information regarding W. D. Farad.* All were questioned concerning the whereabouts of Farad, whom the Moslems considered to be Allah, but all stated that Farad was last seen in Chicago in 1934 and had not been seen or heard from since.

* These interviews are set out verbatim in Farad's main file, 105-63642- Not Recorded serial, dated 2/21/57, filed beneath serial 1, pages 3-7 and 12-18

Photostats of numerous material mainly regarding the history of civilization were enclosed with this reference. In the numerous material, W. D. Ford's birth was reflected to be 1877, in Mecca, and his arrival in Detroit to be on 7/4/30.

CG rpt., 9/30/42 (CG 100-9189)
Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka:

CG; Elijah Mohammed, was;
IS; Sedition; Selective Service
100-6582-68, pp. 11-14, 16-21,
24, 25, 31 and encl
pp. 1, 3

(17) (23)

Correlator's Note: In reference to paragraph 2 above, the origin of this Photostat material was not clearly indicated; however, it apparently was obtained during a raid of 104 E. 51st St., Chicago, on 9/20/42.

On 2/20/43, at Jersey City, N.J., [redacted] issued a signed statement which reflected that he did not register with Selective Service in April, 1942, when he should have, because of religion, Islam. He stated that he had been advised by Allah, the Almighty Supreme Being, Mr. W. D. Ford, Mohammed, not to take part in any wars - not even a holy war.

When [redacted] was interviewed on 2/20/43, he advised that he joined the Temple of Islam in [redacted] in Chicago and attended the University of Islam at Temple headquarters, 3335 State St., Chicago. He stated that W. D. Ford, founder of the faith in this country, taught them, on a few occasions when he appeared, all about the Masonic Order, its degrees, histories, etc. [redacted] advised that he pronounced W. D. Ford's name as "Farard," stating that this was the Arabic pronunciation.

* * Apparently a Moslem or Muslim version

*** Location of the Allah Temple of Islam

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67c [redacted] continued that Fard founded the Temple of Islam in Detroit and told his followers that he came to this country on 7/4/36. According to [redacted] Fard was supposed to have been 57 years old at that time. [redacted] last saw him in 1934 in Chicago when Fard left "to return to Mecca."

[redacted] also stated that among the things taught by Fard at the Temple in Chicago was that the Caucasian race was started "through grafting" performed by an Arabian scientist named Jacob on the Island of Patmos. Fard also told the Temple members in Chicago that the time would come when they would be arrested, put in jail and have all of their literature taken away.

67c Among the items found in [redacted] possession were the following: a framed picture of W. D. Fard and an Islamic prayer which [redacted] stated he had typewritten himself and framed with the picture; a letter, dated 7/22/42, from Sister Pauline Bahar, 6117 Rhodes Ave., Chicago, which had enclosed the above mentioned picture; a yellow sheet of paper on which Shah had written, under the date 2/24/34, Chicago: "When was the prophet born, - the prophet master, W. D. Fard was born 2/26/77 in the Holy City of Mecca"; and two printed paper - covered Temple of Islam lesson books containing 34 problems, purportedly written by Prophet W. D. Fard, Finder of the Lost Nation of Asia.

67c NK rpt., 3/17/43
[redacted]

Allah Temple of Islam;
Selective Service
100-6582-117, pp. 1, 4-8
(17)

On 5/14/48, a warrant was served on the headquarters of the Islam Temple in Milwaukee, Wisc., and its Milwaukee teacher, Sultan Mohammed.

Among the effects of the Islam Temple organization were three ledger books. One was the membership and attendance book of the organization, dated 2/1/37. The first page contained the words, "I will arise and go to my Father Mr. W. D. Fard." This book contained the names of 32 persons, 16 men and 16 women, all of whom had as their surname "X" or "Boy." It was noted that 20 of the 32 were known to be active in the Islam Temple at that time.

A copy of a magazine entitled, "The Final Call to Islam," dated 8/16/34, Detroit, indicated that W. D. Fard was the original organizer of the Islam cult.

Temporary Confidential Informant T-2, reliability not given, advised, in regard to the Islam organization, that W. D. Fard was the living Allah, that Elijah Mohammed was his prophet and that Sultan Mohammed was the teacher. (Date not given)

(T-2: [REDACTED])

From correspondence obtained at the Islam Temple, the following address was set forth.

"W. D. Fard
6026 Vernon Ave., Chicago"

It was noted that this address was from a non-postmarked letter from [REDACTED] (no address) 9/16/42, requesting his slave name be removed and his original name of 'X' given."

MI rpt., 6/1/42

Re: Gulen Begane, was;

[REDACTED]; was;

Fugitive;

Sedition; Selective Service

100-5562-17, pp. 2, 4, 8, 9

(17)

SI par. 6 above

100-193-9-4, pp. 6, 7 (Source

not clearly indicated)

(16)

Correlator's Note: It was not definitely determined whether the individual mentioned in paragraph 5 above was identical with the subject of this summary.

* Names not set out in this reference.

Detroit PD records reflected that on 11/20/32, Robert Harris, alias Robert Harrison, self-styled king of Islam, sacrificed one James J. Smith, a member of the Islam Temple at 1429 Dubois St., Detroit. Harris was subsequently tried for murder, judged insane and confined to the State Insane Asylum at Jena, Mich. on 12/6/32. Harris claimed that America was a nation of Asiatics and that Ugan Ali was God of the Asiatics. Joe Mohammed, one of the 37 arrested in connection with this killing, claimed to be one of the leaders and asserted that he was born in Mecca in 1555. Another Negro leader who claimed to be an Asiatic of this organization* was Wallace Farard.

On 9/27/42, [REDACTED] attended a meeting of the Moorish Science Temple of America at 9316 Oakland Ave., Detroit. He stated that at this time he was given several mathematical problems. In one of these problems the following name was used: "The uncle of F____ard (Mr. F. D. Ford)."

A memo from the Mich. State Police, dated 6/16/42, reflected that a F. D. Ford, alias Davis El, 9316 Oakland Ave., Detroit, was known as the Grand Shakh of the Moorish Science Temple of America and that he was believed to be from Kansas City, Mo. or from Chicago. This memo advised that the Moslems were very pro-Japanese and that the cult was originated in Detroit by Robert D. Ollie in 1913 and that in 1929 Ollie was run out of Detroit by the Detroit PD. It was noted that it was believed that Robert D. Ollie was the deceased leader, Robert Drew Ali. The report further reflected that one E. D. Ford re-organized this group in 1930 but was run out of town by the police in 1934 and returned in 1936. According to this report, the following conversation regarding the Moorish group was received: "The white devils are doing everything in their power to discourage us and that is why they out us off the welfare. They learned that we are Islam."

DE rpt., 11/12/43

Re: [REDACTED]

Moorish Science Temple of America;
IS-J; Custodial Detention;
Sedition
62-25869-30 pp. 9, 12, 19
(4)

Correlator's Note: It was not definitely determined whether the above individual (or individuals) was identical with the subject of this summary.

* Probably refers to the Islam organization

** These problems are set out in full.

As of early August, 1942, it was noted that the Allah Temple of Islam met at 104 E. 51st. St., Chicago, on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. It was also noted that the Supreme Being of the organization, W. D. Farad, was reported to be in Mecca.

67c On 7/27/42, [redacted] Chicago, was interviewed. At that time, she advised of her attendance at two Moslem meetings in Chicago. [redacted] stated that the Moslems preached at their meetings that there was no God but Allah, that the white man's God was really the Devil and that the true Allah was a living individual who was presently the head of the Japanese army.

On 8/7/42, [redacted] who was in custody at Cook County Jail, Chicago, for violating the Selective Service Act of 1940, furnished a signed statement regarding his membership in the Moslem Temple. He advised that W. D. Farad, who was the Supreme Being and head of the organization, was in the Holy City of Mecca and was last seen by him in Chicago in 1932 or 1933. He stated that he was a veteran of the First World War but did not register for Selective Service because of the teachings of W. D. Farad as explained by Len Karriem, Moslem minister in Chicago.

CG rpt., 8/15/42

(CG 100-9129)

Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;

67c [redacted]
18-J; Sedition;

Selective Service

100-6582-39, pp. 1, 2, 4, 17, 20
(17) (24)

On 5/15/42, Special Agents entered the house at 623 Medbury St., Detroit, where a meeting of the Islam group, Mich. No. 1, was being held. In attendance were six men and fifteen women, all colored. All of these persons voluntarily accompanied the Special Agents to the Detroit Office for questioning and surrendered all of their books and records for inspection.

Among the material was a book containing a letter, dated 12/3/94, from the Dept. of Supreme Wisdom, 5830 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago. The letter was written by Elijah Mohammed and was directed to the Ministry Class at Temple No. 1, Mich. In this lengthy letter, Elijah praised Prophet Fard Mohammed as the Savior and stated that the world would soon know him. He related how the Savior had called him, Elijah, into the ministry in August, 1932, so that Elijah could teach others the Islam religion. He also set out certain qualifications expected of ministers by the Savior and certain evils of which to be watchful. (Letter set out in full)

This book also contained "Laws Governing the Officials of Islam and Their Respective Duties." Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed was referred to in these laws. (Laws set out in full)

It was noted that the schools for the boys and girls of the Islam group were separated. In one of the instructions taught to the girls was :... "Moslems' Principles are built upon righteousness which was taught to us by our Saviour Prophet W. D. Fard Mohammed."

Another book which was obtained at that time was the first term examination for the Lost Found Moslem, Lesson No. 1. Questions 9 and 10 made reference to Mohammed, and Question 14 made reference to W. D. Fard. (Lesson set out in full)

Another examination written by Prophet Elijah Mohammed which was to be studied by all of the students of the University of Islam also made reference to W. D. Fard. (Exam. set out)

As of 8/6/42, it was noted that according to beliefs of the Islam group, the black man had his first contact with the Devil when he was brought to this country as a slave. The slave name which was given to him at that time was not his true name, and his true name could only be found on the roll of Allah at Mecca. The only way the individual could find his true name was to become affiliated with the Islam group, be a sincere believer therein and make a written application for knowledge as to his true name to W. D. Fard, who was Allah. At that time, inasmuch as the present whereabouts of Allah was unknown, the written applications were being received at the Detroit Temple and reserved for action by Allah upon his return to Detroit.

It was further noted that the entire membership of the Detroit Temple at this time, with the exception of minor children, became affiliated with such between 1991 and 1994, when W. D. Fard was in Detroit organizing and actively leading the group. They were a semi-illiterate group, unable to understand the written instructions and teachings furnished them by W. D. Fard. Consequently, their teachings were concerned largely with furnishing the children the essentials as to reading, writing and figuring.

Records of the Detroit PD indicated that Wallace Farad, alias Ford, Detroit PD No. 45138, was arrested for conversion and that his FBI No. was 56062. It was noted that this individual was identical with W. D. Farad, alias Allah. (No date set out)

It was noted that a photograph of W. D. Farad was being forwarded as an enclosure.

DE rpt., 8/6/42
Re: Gulam Bogane, was et al;
Sedition; Selective Service
100-6582-36, pp. 4, 5, 14-16, 18,
22, 23, 25, 31, 33
(6) (9) (17) (19) (22) (24)

Correlator's Note: In reference to paragraph 3 above, portions of laws pertaining to Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed are set out elsewhere in this summary (25-330971-579) as furnished by

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In reference to paragraphs 5 and 6 above, both the lesson and exam are set out in entirety in W. D. Fard's main file, 105-63642- Not Recorded serial, dated 2/21/57, filed beneath serial 1, pages 40, 41, 44, and 50, as furnished by
670 In regard to the name Mohammed, it was not definitely determined whether this individual was identical with the subject of this summary.

In reference to paragraph 10 above, no photograph of W. D. Farad was enclosed with this reference.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity was known to the Bureau, (not further identified) furnished a report concerning a meeting of the Allah Temple of Islam in Chicago, held on 8/23/42. According to the report, one speaker (not identified) gave a talk lasting for about 35 minutes concerning the coming of the Son of Man. The report stated that W. D. Fard, also known as "Muck-Muck", apparently was the Son of Man who was then in the East in the Holy City of Mecca, which was the one and only Heaven. Further, this Son of Man came to the wilderness of North America by himself, because he was all powerful. He held the power of the universe in his right hand. This report also indicated that he would come again soon.

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OC rpt., 9/11/42 (CG 100-9129)
Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;
[redacted]
IS-J; Sedition; Selective Service
100-6582-45, pp. 16, 17
(38)

This reference was a publication, the cover of which contained the following caption, "This book teaches the Lost Found Nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our miserable state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our saviour W. D. Fard." The cover also reflected beneath the above caption that this publication was for registered Moslems in North America only and was by Prophet W. D. Fard, Finder of the Lost Nation of Asia.

This publication was a pamphlet containing 34 mathematical problems only. The name of W. D. Fard was used frequently therein.

61-7559-2-4490
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Correlator's Note: No date was set out in the above publication, however the following inked notation appeared on the cover: "100-9129, GWN 9/20/42."

When Elijah Mohammed was arrested on 9/20/42, a search was conducted at his home, 6026 S. Vernon Ave., Chicago. The following were among the numerous exhibits seized at that time:

- No. 34- Typewritten copy of publication, "The Final Call to Islam," Volume 1, No. 1, dated 8/11/34, at Detroit. Pages 1 and 2 contained these quoted remarks: "So they sent a messenger, in the person of Prophet Fard Mohammed, to teach us of our own, this is being done."....."The only way that Prophet Fard, can make us believe that he is our Deliverer, is to first show us how utterly ignorant we are of ourselves and how vain the worship of any God beside Allah."
(Remarks set out in further detail)
- No. 37- Handwritten minutes of Islam Temple meeting in Chicago on 2/3/35 reflecting the following statement by Elijah Mohammed: "You had better get unto your own kind. If you join onto the devil you will be the loser. The Asiatic Nation has the Ezekiel wheel ready to destroy this devil in 6 hrs. time. They are just waiting to hear the name of the Prophet W. D. Fard Mohammed."
- No. 147- Several copies of a pamphlet entitled "This book teaches the Lost Found Nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our miserable state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our saviour W. D. Fard."
- No. 158- Two typewritten pages containing instructions given by W. D. Fard for laborers of Islam.
- No. 176- Steel cut on wooden frame. Print of steel cut reflected a picture of Prophet Fard addressing a congregation.*
- No. 177- Pen and ink sketch entitled "Calling the Four Winds" which was a picture of a US map containing a figure in the center identified as Fard. Guns, bearing the name Asia on the barrels, pointed to the US from each side. The drawing bore the signature of R. Sharrieff.**

* Alleged speech set out

** Islam Temple member

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- No. 204- Handwritten letter, dated 1/11/42, from Mattie W. Bullocks, Rt. 3, Box 11A, Blytheville, Ark., to W. D. Fard Mohammed, 104 E. 51st. St., Chicago, asking that Mohammed assist in preventing her son Samuel from going to war.
- No. 246- Two copies of booklet containing the same caption on the cover as Exhibit No. 147.
- No. 252- Billfold of Lina Karrien found on his person when taken into custody on 9/20/42. Billfold contained his identification as a member of the Moslems and a photograph of W. D. Fard, who was Allah.
- No. 265- Framed picture of W. D. Fard
- No. 271- Collection of pamphlets containing same caption on the cover as in Exhibit No. 147.
- No. 283- A red canvas sign inscribed "There is no God but Allah, Master W. D. Fard, Elijah, his prophet." C2

In a signed statement, dated 9/20/42***, [REDACTED] furnished information regarding his membership in the Islam Temple. He also stated his belief that the present war would be won by Japan at which time Japan would free all of the black people on earth. He advised that in such case he would assist the Japanese government in any manner with the exception of bearing arms, "as the Japanese have been designated to do the fighting with arms by Allah W. D. Fard."

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CG rpt., 1/14/43 (CG 100-9129)
 Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;
 [REDACTED]
 wa; Elijah Mohammed. was;
 [REDACTED] was;
 IS-J; Sedition; Selective Service
 100-6582-108, pp. 20, 26, 27, 29, 53,
 54, 56, 65, 66, 68, 70
 71, 82
 (17) (22) (31) (32)

Correlator's Note: In reference to the individual mentioned in Exhibit 204 above, it was not definitely determined whether he was identical with the subject of this summary.

It should be noted that the above exhibits were not set out, only their descriptions.

*** Probably at Chicago

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It was noted that an [redacted] by the San Diego Office of Joseph Riley Barnes, the Minister of the San Diego MCI Temple, reflected certain statements made by him. On 10/11/50, he stated to the San Diego congregation that Allah was a man who was at that time in the US and that Allah was going to rule the world. On 10/13/50, Barnes stated that in 6 years Allah would destroy the white devil and that the Muslims would then rule.

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On 2/24/51, one [redacted] a member of the Number 7 Allah Temple of Islam, Harlem, NY, was arrested at Silver Spring, Md. At that time, he had in his possession certain papers referring to the beliefs and teachings of the Muslim Temple of Islam. Among these was a pocket size spiral notebook containing the following item: "The first Temple of Islam was opened in Detroit, Michigan by God Almighty himself, Allah. The first accomplishment was 25,000 members. Allah taught Mr. Elijah Mohammed for 3 1/2 years. History says there will be some wise men coming out of Temple Number 7."

CG Investigative Summary rpt. 5/11/51
(CG 25-20607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
MCI, aka;
Selective Service Act of 1948;
Sedition; Conspiracy
25-330971-51, pp. 1, 4, 13, 15, 19, 20
(23)

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On 8/31/53, [redacted] a known Muslim, voluntarily appeared at the NY Office. At that time, he advised that in 1951, he saw God All Mighty Allah in NYC at the MCI Temple on 115th St. He pointed out that he could not describe Allah but said that he would certainly be able to identify him if he saw him again.

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[redacted] further stated that Allah sometimes made his appearances under the name of W. D. Furard. When [redacted] was shown a photograph of Furard, he was visibly startled and stated that he would not positively identify it as Allah or Furard but did indicate that it quite possibly was a photograph of him.

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[redacted] advised that Allah resided in the Holy City of Mecca, where he always had lived, and where he would continue to live forever.

NY rpt., 10/26/53 (CG 25-20807)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
MCI, aka, et al;
Selective Service Act, 1948;
Conspiracy; IS-C
25-230971-219, p. 20
(38)

On 9/28/53, T-3, of known reliability, advised that he attended a meeting on 9/20/53 at which Lemuel X. Hasson, MCI Head Minister, stated that Christians do not worship the right God. According to the informant, Hasson stated that God was a colored man and that this man was W. D. Ford, also known as Allah.

(T-3; [redacted])

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On 6/8/53, [redacted] advised that he attended a meeting on 6/7/53 at which time Hasson stated that some laws were good, such as traffic and sanitation laws, but that laws pertaining to fighting were for "white devils" should not be observed. Hasson continued that the Muslims should remember that Allah was with them and that the FBI and local police knew that they were preaching this but did nothing about it because they were afraid of Allah. Hasson further stated that those who registered would be "kicked out" of the NOI and would die with the "white devils."

DE rpt., 2/13/54 (CG 25-20807)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
MCI, aka, et al;
Selective Service Act, 1948;
Conspiracy;
IS-MCI
25-230971-250, pp. 4, 5
(6) (13)

* Not further described; evidently a Muslim meeting in Detroit.

** Apparently Head Minister of MCI Temple # 1 in Detroit.

*** Not further described, evidently a Muslim meeting in Detroit.

On 11/27/53, a trash cover maintained at 2006 13th St., NW, Washington, D. C., the residence of the Temple No. 6 Minister, reflected that the Minister of the Muslim Temple at Boston, Mass., had recently stated that Allah, the Supreme Being, was Master W. D. Fard and that his last messenger was "the Little Lamb who was without Spot or Blemish," known as Elijah Mohammed.

BA rpt., 2/11/54 (CG 25-20607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
The MCI, aka;
Selective Service Act, 1948;
Conspiracy; IS-C
25-330971-244, p. 17
(15)

This reference was a Baltimore letter, dated 3/17/54, which enclosed a 25 page transcript of the second general membership meeting of the MCI, Temple # 6, in Baltimore, Md., on 3/3/54. It was noted that the transcript was obtained through the utilization of [REDACTED] 62

The transcript reflected that Speaker X gave the opening prayer which stated in part: "In the name of Allah, beneficent and merciful, all holy praises are due Allah. The lord of the universe. Beneficent and merciful, Master of the day of judgment in which we now live, Thee we serve and Thee we beseech divinely....For on behalf of those who go astray after they have heard of thy kingdom. W. D. Fard is one. There is no God besides Allah."

It was noted that a series of dots was placed in the text where several words or a phrase was inaudible.

According to the transcript, Speaker X then made a speech. He read the opening instructions of the Muslim Temple of Islam, stating they were orders of the Savior, Master W. D. Fard Mohammed. He stated that the student must study and qualify himself and that an assignment of office would be made immediately after examination and upon completion of his course. He asserted that consideration of the laborers of Islam would be taken and analyzed in the near future by the Savior, W. D. Fard Mohammed. He continued that the minister's class must study and prepare for examination as soon as possible. He also stated that everyone's final examination would be before Master W. D. Fard, Mohammed.

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Speaker X then read problems from a mathematical book. The name used in one of these problems was Mr. W. D. Fard.

62670 [REDACTED] also attended the above meeting and on 3/12/54 identified the main speakers. Speaker X was identified as Assistant Minister Alvin X. Johnson.

25-330971-279, encl. pp. 1-5

(32) (03 25-20607)

SI par 2 above

25-330971-357, p. 21

(15) (03 25-20607)

Correlator's Note: It was not definitely determined whether the individual referred to as W. D. Fard in paragraphs 2 and 5 above was identical with the subject of this summary.

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On 3/4/54, [REDACTED] made available certain documents which, he advised, constituted the foundation and teachings of the MCI and were continually expounded in whole or part by the ministers and teachers of the various MCI temples at every MCI meeting. Among these was a document containing the Rules of Islam "By our Savior, Master W. D. Fard Mohammed." One rule stated: "Each student must qualify his or herself for position awaiting them. Assignment of offices will be made immediately after examination and on completion of his or her laborer course. Consideration for the labors of Islam, will be taken under analysis in the near future by our Prophet, W. D. Fard Mohammed." Another rule stated in part: "The Minister's Class, must study and prepare themselves for examination as soon as they are able to. Everyone's final examination will be before Master W. D. Fard Mohammed."

* Documents set out in full

Also among the above material was a document labeled "Actual Facts." Under this heading, the following~~ing~~ appeared:

"2,000 years Jacob's Civilization
2,000 years Moses's Civilization
2,000 years Esau's Civilization
8,000 years devil's civilization

"8,400 Jacob was born
600 Completed the devil
9,000 years and 8,000 years is 15,000 years

"15,000 years. Savior, Master W. D. Fard Mohammed"

This document under the sub-heading of Birth Records reflected that the Savior was born on 2/26/77 at the Holy City, Mecca, and arrived in America on 7/4/90.

At a meeting of the MCI held on 3/24/54 at the Temple of Islam, Philadelphia, Brother Charles I (O'Neal) talked about how Allah had come to North America in 1930 and about how the "so-called American Negro" had been robbed of his wisdom and knowledge of his true self. (b)(7)(D) 3/25/54)

On 8/11/54, (b)(7)(D) identified Brother Charles I as Charles O'Neal, former Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple.

At a meeting of the MCI on 4/9/54 at the Philadelphia MCI Temple, Brother Charles O'Neal read the C-1 lesson which was supposed to portray symbolically the coming of Allah to the wilderness of North America and the raising of one from among the dead. (b)(7)(D) 4/19/54)

At a meeting of the MCI held at the Temple of Islam in Philadelphia on 7/24/54, Brother George I stated that they had suffered nothing but hell while they had been here because they had been hounded by their enemy, but that Allah had come to North America himself and raised one up from among them. He stated that Allah had given this one the task of raising the entire 17,000,000, the Lost-Found Nation here in the Wilderness of North America. Brother Joseph, the next speaker, advised that no one except one who is under the direct aid of the Supreme Being himself would dare to stand up in the midst of this, the strongest government on the planet, and teach that it would be destroyed. (b)(7)(D) 8/4/54)

** This evidently refers to the MCI version of the chronology of civilization.

*** Indicated elsewhere in the summary as 17,000,000

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As of 8/11/54, Brother George I was identified by [redacted] as the Assistant Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple.

As of 8/11/54, Brother Joseph (LNU) was identified by [redacted] as the Captain of the Fruit of Islam in Philadelphia.

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On 1/14/54, [redacted] of the Philadelphia Branch of the Addeyane Allaha Universal Arabic Association, Inc., was interviewed. [redacted] on the basis of his experience with the MCI, classified the MCI as the most unorthodox and consequently the least acceptable Moslem group in the US. He advised that "Allah is God, without shape, without form," and it is unacceptable and against the teaching of the Koran to preach that Allah took human form, appeared to Elijah Mohammed, and designated Elijah as his prophet. According to [redacted] this concept of the MCI reflected their lack of understanding of the principles of the true Moslem faith. The Koran specifically rejected the Christian concept of the Holy Trinity and its attendant belief that God once assumed human form.

This report also contained sets of questions used in the teachings of the MCI. Two of the questions set forth made reference to Mohammed.*****

PH Summary rpt., 8/31/54 (CG 25-20607)
Re: MCI, aka; IS-MCI
25-330971-398, pp. 6, 7, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 63, 68, 74, 77
(15) (31) (32)
SI pars., 1, 2, and 10 above
25-330971-461, pp. 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52
(15) (32) (CG 25-20607)

**** Military Section of the MCI

**** These questions are also set out in Furd's main file, 105-63642 on pages 40 and 41 of Not Recorded serial, dated 2/21/57, filed beneath serial 1, as furnished by [redacted] on 2/12/57. It was not determined whether the name Mohammed referred to the subject of this summary or to Elijah Mohammed.

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On 6/9/54, [redacted] advised that an MCI meeting was held on 5/14/54 at the Philadelphia Temple of Islam. One of the speakers was Brother George I, who began his speech by pointing to a picture of the lynched Negro which hung on the wall in the front of the room. George indicated that this man had died calling to Jesus for help not knowing that Jesus was dead and that no dead person could help him. George emphasized that "in a Temple of Islam we offer you a living god, Mr. W. D. Farad, who is the Supreme Being himself."

According to the above informant, George I had been designated as Assistant Minister of the Philadelphia Temple as of 5/5/54.

62 67b

On 9/4/54, [redacted] advised that a meeting of the MCI in Philadelphia was held on 9/3/54. At this time, Brother Eugene I (Bee) discussed the origin of the white man and how Allah had come to Elijah Mohammed in 1930 and had taught him the wisdom of Islam so that Elijah could wake up the 17,000,000 Muslims in order that they would not be destroyed by Allah along with the white man on Judgement day.

PH Summary rpt., 9/28/54

Re: [redacted]

62c

[redacted] SM-MCI
105-32386-1, pp. 19, 27, 28
(24) (39)
SI per. 1 above
105-37080-1, p. 10
(24)

62 67b

On 9/9/54, [redacted] advised that at a regular meeting of the Fruit of Islam, temple No. 2, Chicago, on 9/8/54, Richard I read the instructions (not identified) which he said were given to the Muslims by W. D. Farad, teacher of Elijah Mohammed.

OG rpt., 12/14/54 (CG 100-28344)

Re: [redacted]

62c

[redacted] SM-MCI
100-411844-6, p. 3
(38)

6c
A Newark airtel, dated 9/23/54, reflected that on 9/22/54, [redacted] was interviewed. He was confined to the stockade at Ft. Dix, N.J., awaiting court martial at that time. [redacted] advised that he was a weak Muslim when he entered the Army but that he presently preferred jail to the Army. He stated that according to a Muslim minister, whom he would not identify, Allah had stated, "Don't serve in US Army." [redacted] claimed that since being in the service his faith had been strengthened and he was trying to be a good Muslim. [redacted] admitted that his church name was [redacted] and stated that Allah had assumed the name of W. D. Fard. [redacted] said he had only seen pictures of Allah and that he did not want to see Allah now because he was ashamed for being in the Army. According to [redacted] Allah claimed that black men had been slaves for 400 years and that white men were supposed to have been destroyed in 1932. He desired to be a Muslim at this time in case the white man was destroyed so he could be saved by Allah who would forgive 77 times 7.

By letter, dated 9/30/54, the Bureau furnished the above information to Assistant AG William F. Tompkins.

Serial described above
25-390971-408
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6x
On 4/26/56, [redacted] Detroit, advised that he was a member of the Temple of Islam in Detroit. [redacted] explained that the head of all of the Temples of Islam was Master W. D. Fard Mohammed, born in 1877. This individual, who came from Arabia, started the Temple of Islam in 1930 and then disappeared around 1933. [redacted] stated that this person was considered as being Allah.

It was noted that in 1955, the leader, Mohammed*, made the statement that W. D. Fard was still alive, however, his whereabouts was not mentioned.

DE rpt., 12/13/56 (CG 25-20607)
Re: MCI, aka; IS-MCI
25-390971-1361, p. 24
(15)

* Elijah - first name

On 4/26/56, [REDACTED] a member of the Detroit Temple of Islam, was interviewed at which time he furnished the following information:

67c
"The head of all of the Temples of Islam is Master W. D. Fard Mohammed, born 1877. This individual, who came from Arabia, started the Temple of Islam in 1930 and disappeared around 1933. He is considered as being Allah and the leader of Mohammed of Chicago is considered the spiritual leader of this group. In 1955 the leader of Mohammed made the statement that W. D. Fard was still alive but his whereabouts was not mentioned."

[REDACTED] continued that he looked upon Mohammed, born around 871 A.D., as being one of the messengers of Allah. He further explained that Allah was the person living at any particular time who had the highest knowledge of Islam. He pointed out that the group to which he belonged was the only such group believing that Allah was flesh and blood.

[REDACTED] further stated that since 1947, he had attended each of the celebrations held in February in Chicago in commemoration of the "Prophet's birthday" with the exception [REDACTED]

DE letter 5/31/56

Re: [REDACTED] was;

NY-MCI

105-28468-6, pp. 2, 4, 5

(18) (32)

SI 105-28468-7, pp. 5, 7

(18) (32)

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[REDACTED] made available a Muslim lesson entitled "Lost-Found Muslim Lesson No. 1." This lesson consisted of 14 questions and answers which were to be memorized by the students. Questions 9 and 10 mentioned Mohammed. The answer to question 14 made reference to W. D. Fard.

(Not out in full)

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On 2/28/55, [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the list of the "Laws Governing the Officials of Islam and Their Respective Duties." The following are parts of the seven laws:

- "1. The Supreme Captain Kallatt Mohammed of Islam in North America was chosen by our Savior and Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed, to enforce the laws of Islam upon all that receive the knowledge of his or her own; which is righteousness laid down by Islam to every human child that is born.
- "2. Secretaries are chosen by our Savior. In his absence they are chosen by the Supreme Minister Elijah Mohammed.
- "4. All contributions or outside donations must be given in the name of our Savior, Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed. The Treasure belongs entirely to our Savior, who provides for us all that we need; and bless those who give and contribute.
- "7. Three and one half years ago at Temple # 1, Michigan every Registered Moslem agreed to give our Savior one dollar (\$1.00) per month for the upkeep of the Temple and for the Prophet and his Laborer's traveling expenses, who are devoting their full time to the rising of the Dead Nation (Lost-Found) in North America. Everyone that come in Islam and believe in his Nation and our Savior, Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed, is required to contribute at least the said amount and more if he is able, and our Savior has assured those who do contribute willingly, will be rewarded double by Him; for what they gave."
(Laws set out in full)

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On 2/28/55, [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the minutes of a special meeting held by the NY MCI Temple on 12/12/54. Informant stated that at this meeting, Brother Malcolm (X) Little, Minister of the NY Temple, gave seventeen laws to be followed by all members of the MCI. Law 7 stated in full: "Our Temple is going to receive a great reward on the Saviours Birthday. No brother who misses the FOI between now and that time will be able to participate in the good time in store for us." Law 12 stated in full: "Any Muslim found with any weapon or gun in his home, will be put out of the Temple, and will not be allowed in until the Messenger or Allah gives permission."
(17 laws set out in full)

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On 2/28/35, [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a mathematical problem used by the members of the Muslim Girls Training and Girls Civilization Class. The name of W. D. Fard was used in this problem. (Problem set out in full)

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Re: MCI, aka;
IS-MCI
25-330971-570, pp. 16, 20, 21, 26-29,
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Correlator's Note: The lesson referred to in par. 1 above was also set out in entirety in Fard's main file, Not Recorded serial 1, as furnished by [REDACTED] on 2/12/57. In regard to questions 9 and 10, it was not determined whether Mohammed was identical with the subject of this summary.

In paragraph 3 above, FOI is Fruit of Islam.

It was not definitely determined whether the individual W. D. Fard in paragraph 4 above was identical with the subject of this summary.

The NY edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier," dated 10/6/56, on page 2 of the Magazine Section, Columns 1 through 5, carried an article captioned "Mr. Muhammad Speaks," subject matter entitled "The Neg and His Future." Mr. Muhammad spoke of the superiority of the white race and of the evil treatment of the Negroes by the whites. He stated that he had received the truth from the Allwise One, who had come without observation and had appeared under the name of Mr. Fard Muhammad. He added that most of the time, Muhammad was known only to his enemies as Mr. W. D. Fard.

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On 10/26/56, [redacted] advised that at a meeting in Islam Temple No. 1, Detroit, on 10/21/56, Lemuel I. Anderson, Minister of that Temple, spoke on the subject "The Mystery God." According to the informant, Anderson remarked that God was not a mystery but a mortal man in the person of the Honorable "W. D. Farrad Muhammad." He stated that the white man made God a mystery simply to deceive the Original Man who was the so-called American Negro. Informant continued that Anderson's deliberations were contradictory because he stated at the end of his sermon that the only God who existed on the planet Earth was "the Asiatic black man, owner and maker, creator of the Earth, father of civilization, and God of the universe."

62x DE rpt., 7/26/57

Re: [redacted] was;

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100-409935-8, p. 3

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SI 105-63707-1, p. 6

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On 3/18/57, the Dayton, Ohio, PD made available two notebooks which were in the possession of [redacted] who was arrested by the Dayton PD on 1/31/57. The first page of one of these notebooks contained the following:

"Allah
The Great Mahol
W. D. Farrad
W. F. Muhammad
Son of Man
Wallace Farrad Muhammad
Lord-Over All
Jehovah - Most High
The Mighty One
Holy City of Mecca
Islam - The Religion of Peace"

Succeeding pages of this notebook listed numerous names and addresses. Eight of these names were set out in this reference and were identified by [redacted] members of Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 19, in Dayton, Ohio.

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SI rpt., 5/21/57

Re: [redacted] was;

SM-NOI

105-59033-5, p. 3

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In January, 1957, [redacted] advised that during that month (exact date not given) Elijah Muhammad stated that Allah came to the Negro in America in the person of one W. Farr Muhammad and that he, W. Farr Muhammad, was the "living God" and founder of Islam Temple No. 2 in Chicago. Elijah further stated that W. Farr Muhammad converted him to the Islamic faith and added that he, W. Farr, supplied the needs and protected his people.

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On 5/23/57, [redacted] Ave., Chicago, advised that he became a member of the NOI in [redacted]. He stated that he was taught that in about 1930, one Wallace D. Fard, Allah, the living Supreme Being, went to Detroit from Mecca and instructed Elijah Muhammad to be his messenger in this country. Fard later moved to Chicago and resided until about 1935, at which time he returned to Mecca. [redacted] stated that Muslims believed that Fard would return to this country during their lifetime and return all true Muslims to the promised land. When Fard would return to the US, the world would be engaged in the final conflict, the "War of Armageddon," which would be a war with all of the white races, united, fighting all of the people of the dark skinned race. [redacted] stated that this would be the end of time for the white race, for the white race would be defeated. [redacted] further advised that the Muslims believed in peace and did not advocate or teach overthrow of the US Govt., and that he would follow the instructions at the time Fard returned to this country, even to the extent of harming the white man or his Government. He indicated that possibly he and other Muslims might give up their lives for the NOI, but all surviving members would go to the promised land, which he described as Asia.

OG rpt., 6/5/57 (OG 25-20607)
Re: NOI, formerly referred
to as the MCI, aka;
IS-NOI
25-330971-2093, pp. 3, 60
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As mentioned in the preface to this summary, the following references are those found identical with Wallace Don Ford which contained information reflecting Allah, identical with Ford, as a deity.

25-80441-8, pp. 11, 14

25-90417-3, pp. 3, 4

25-90417-22, pp. 4-11, 13, 18, 24, 26-28

25-330971-20, pp. 3, 5, 9

25-330971-22, pp. 3, 6, 8, 9, 12

25-330971-51, pp. 2, 5-8, 10, 18, 19

25-330971-76, pp. 1, 2, 6, 7, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 26, 30

25-330971-119, pp. 3, 32-34

25-330971-154, pp. 6, 7, 24-26, 28-32, 34, 36, 39, 41, 43, 47, 49, 51, 54

25-330971-219, pp. 11, 15, 16, 20, 21

25-330971-244, pp. 2, 12, 14, 15, 17

25-330971-250, pp. 3, 6, 18, 20

25-330971-279, pp. 1, 2, 7-12, 15, 17-25

25-330971-355, pp. 19, 37

25-330971-357, pp. 1, 2, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26-28, 32, 34, 36, 47

25-330971-394, p. 2

25-330971-398, pp. 1, 2, 5, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25, 34, 36, 45, 59, 61-63, 70, 73, 74, 76

25-330971-417, pp. 2, 3, 18, 19, 21-23, 26

25-330971-461, pp. 1, 5, 6, 10, 16, 29, 30-34, 48, 53-56, 64, 70, 75, 77, 78-80

25-330971-579, pp., 3, 12, 23-25, 31, 35, 40, 43, 44, 54
 25-330971-1361, pp. 2, 24
 25-330971-1423, pp. 2, 6, 15, 18, 19, 30, 52, 55, 57, 58
 25-330971-1537, pp. 4-7, 9, 11, 13, 16, 26
 25-330971-1673, pp. 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 17
 25-330971-1871, pp. 2, 7, 8, 29, 30, 32, 42, 44, 57
 25-330971-2093, pp. 4-6, 47, 53-55, 57-59, 61, 63
 25-330971-4 - "Pittsburgh Courier," 10/6/56
 100-135-53-13, pp. 2-4
 100-6582-17, pp. 2, 3, 5, 6, 10
 100-6582-18, pp. 1, 11
 100-6582-22, pp. 4, 6, 9-12
 100-6582-36, pp. 2-4, 6-14, 16, 19, 29, 31, 32
 100-6582-39, pp. 6-11, 15, 16
 100-6582-45, pp. 2, 3, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 22
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 100-409935-8, pp. 4, 11
 100-411244-6, p. 2
 105-24822-1, pp. 3, 4, 6, 10, 12
 105-24822-13, pp. 12-14, 16, 19, 30, 34, 36, 38, 39,
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 105-24822-24, pp. 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20-25
 105-28468-7, pp. 3, 4

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105-32236-1, pp. 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18,
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105-32235-1, pp. 4, 6-9, 11-13

105-32517-2, pp. 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16

105-33165-8, p. 2

105-33398-13, pp. 5-8

105-37020-1, pp. 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-15

105-38544-1, pp. 9, 10, 13, 15

105-39033-2, p. 6

The following references are those found to be possibly identical with Wallace Don Ford which contained information reflecting Allah as a deity.

25-390971-163, pp. 11-14, 32-35, 37-39, 41, 42, 44, 48

100-135-9-4, pp. 5, 9

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The following reference which has not been reviewed contains information which has been placed under restricted dissemination:

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64-330-251-1836	9

The following references contain information which is set forth in the corresponding serial of the main file 105-63642 on Wallace Don Ford. Except where indicated otherwise, the source is the same in both serials.

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105-58544-1	18	[REDACTED]	2	Speeches and writing of Elif Mohamud No further source
100-6582-108X1	21, 23		2, p. 2 and Not Recorded serial, dated 2/21/57, filed beneath serial 1, pp. 3-6	
62-25869-86	22		6, p. 3	
100-6582-104	24		2, p. 1	
100-135-15-44	42	[REDACTED]	6, p. 4	Spelling Mohamud

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The following references contain information which also appears in CG report dated 2/21/57 re: MOI, a copy of which has been placed in Ford's main file (105-63642) as a "Not Recorded" serial filed beneath serial 1.

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25-80441-8	3			

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100-135-53-13	16	(5/8/42)	3-6	(9/20/42)
105-39165-6	18	anonymous source who had furnished reliable information in the past	42	[REDACTED]
105-33338-13	18	Confidential Informant (not identified) who had furnished reliable information in the past	42	[REDACTED]
25-330971-76 p. 2	23		3, 4, 11	
105-34822-1	23		3, 4	

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TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)


DATE: January 21, 1958


✓ FROM : Director, FBI (105-63642)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD
SECURITY MATTER - NOIReurlet 10-30-57 and Bureau letter
11-15-57.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a correlation summary dated 1-15-58 prepared at the Seat of Government relative to the captioned individual.

You should thoroughly review this summary and conduct any necessary investigation in an effort to further identify the subject and to determine his present whereabouts. In the event you use any information in this summary in a future report, investigation should be instituted to contact the original source to verify the information, obtain further details, identify them with the subject, and to obtain any necessary documentation.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

January 17, 1958

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W. D. FARD
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ReDElet 11/29/57 to Bureau and CGlet to Bureau
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On January 9, 1958, Mrs. ERDMANN D. BEYNON, 212 Chandler Street, Flint, Michigan, advised that her husband, ERDMANN D. BEYNON, who was formerly associated with the University of Michigan, had written the article entitled "The Voodoo Cult Among Negro Migrants in Detroit". She advised that he had died in 1943. She advised that he had obtained the material for his article by interviewing members of the group himself. She advised that it was his idea to write the article and on some of the interviews he took either her or his daughter. She related that the notes that he prepared while he was in the process of writing the article were either lost or destroyed. She stated that she could not remember any names, addresses or places mentioned during the interviews when she was present.

She stated that her husband's article was the only one written by him concerning the Nation of Islam (NOI). She stated that her husband was close to a sociology professor at the University of Chicago named LOUIS WIRTH. She stated that WIRTH and her husband were both interested in the NOI at that particular time (1937) and it was her recollection that the leader and founder of the NOI was a white person going under the name FARD and FORD. She stated that as she recalled WIRTH had met this individual and knew that his name was either FARD or FORD. She stated that it was also her recollection that this person was actually of Jewish origin and his real name was a Jewish name, unknown to her, but not similar to either FARD or FORD.

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On January 10, 1958, Mrs. MARION KIEBER, 609 East Baker, Flint, Michigan, advised that she did accompany her father, ERDMANN BEYNON, on many of the interviews that he conducted relative to the NOI. She stated that she remembers the leader's name as being FARD, but could not remember anything else about him, and she did not know anything about his being of the Jewish nationality and having as a true name a Jewish name. She went on to explain that LOUIS WIRTH had died in 1952. She stated that her father and a detective from the Detroit Police Department who was in charge of the investigation on the group conferred with each other quite frequently and swapped information concerning the group. She advised that to her knowledge her father had gotten all of his information from interviews with NOI members or through the Detroit Police Department. She stated that she had never seen FARD as he had already left Detroit. She stated that she had visited the University of Islam which was located in Paradise Valley in Detroit and had seen a photo of FARD which was hanging on a wall in a room on the second floor. She advised that this house was located close to the police precinct although she could not remember the name of the street.

The Chicago Division should attempt to attempt to locate any notes or material formerly in the possession of the late LOUIS WIRTH, formerly with the Sociology Department of the University of Chicago that might help to identify the man who went under the name of FARD in Detroit, and attempt to locate any close associates of WIRTH who might be in a position to furnish information concerning FARD.

62 On January 17, 1958, Sergeant [REDACTED] of the Detroit Police Department, Subversive Squad, advised SA [REDACTED] that the records of that agency fail to reflect any such investigation or inquiry with regard to Subject or collaboration with the late Professor BEYNON.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1459)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.

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On 1/17/58, SA [REDACTED] interviewed Mrs. MAXEL EVELSIZER at the Sun Crest Trailer Park, Stock Island, Key West, Florida.

Mrs. EVELSIZER stated that she named the child born to her while she was living with FORD, WALLACE DODD FORD, after its father. She said actually the child was named WALLACE DODD FORD, Jr., but that she named him after his father and not after any of her relatives. She said she could not have named it after any of subject's relatives, because she never knew the name of any of them.

Mrs. EVELSIZER said that, to the best of her recollection, the last time she saw subject was in the summer of either 1932 or 1933, when he showed up at her place in Los Angeles. She said she believed it was in the summer, possibly August, but that she does recall that a large air show of some type was then in progress in Los Angeles. She said she is unable to say whether it was 1932 or 1933. Mrs. EVELSIZER said it was on this visit that subject said he was on his way to New Zealand. She has never seen him since. 62

Mrs. EVELSIZER said that she found a letter in subject's trunk one day which was addressed to FRED DODD, and although she never discussed it with him, she took

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it for granted that he had used the name **FRED BOBB** prior to his coming to Los Angeles. She said she is of the definite opinion that subject actually returned to New Zealand, inasmuch as always previously he had been faithful in writing to her when he was in Detroit and Chicago. She said subject used to be consistent about sending money to her for the boy except for one 6 to 8 month period when he did not write. Later she said he wrote and told her the reason he had not written in so long was that he had no money to send. She said she wrote him and told him to write anyway whether or not he always had money.

Mrs. **EVELSIZER** said she will be at her present address until 2/10/58, after which she and her husband plan to take a leisurely trip up through the North and North central part of the U. S. She said regardless of where she goes however, she will always notify the Post Office in Los Angeles of her whereabouts. **RUC.**

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

February 3, 1958

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

WALLACE DON FORD, Was.
SM - NOI
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Re Portland letter to Chicago, 1/9/58.

According to the speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the national leader of the NOI, "ALLAH" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W. D. FARD, who taught MUHAMMAD for three years concerning Islam. FARD taught Islam in Detroit from 1930 to 1933, at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Detroit Police Department and subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois, where he taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since. MUHAMMAD has indicated that FARD returned to Mecca.

The philosophy of the NOI teaches that FARD arrived in the United States from Mecca on July 4, 1930, and that he returned to Mecca after bringing the knowledge of their true identity to the lost-found Nation of Islam which had been held in slavery in the U. S. for 400 years. The philosophy of the NOI has deified FARD and has identified him with the God, ALLAH.

In view of this, any information developed concerning the actual origins and life of W. D. FARD is extremely important to the investigation of the NOI and should be pursued vigorously and imaginatively.

In this connection, it is pointed out that FARD, as WALLACE DON FORD, FBI Number 56062, resided in Los Angeles, California, from about 1917 to 1926. In 1926 he was sentenced to serve six years in San Quentin Prison in connection with the illegal sale of narcotics and was released from prison in May, 1929. San Quentin records listed FORD's date of birth as February 25, 1891,

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at Portland, Oregon. The NOI philosophy teaches that FARD's birth date was February 26, 1877, at Mecca. Other records have listed FARD's year of birth as 1894 and 1900.

The Los Angeles Division has located HAZEL ELVELSIZER, FORD's common-law wife from 1919 to 1922. She has stated that FORD had used the name FRED DODD in Salem, Oregon, prior to his coming to Los Angeles. Also, ELVELSIZER recalled that FORD had told her that he had been married in Oregon around 1914, and that this marriage had been followed by a bitter separation after which he had been unable to obtain a divorce.

Also, Detroit has located an individual who once interviewed FARD and who recalls that he stated that neither FARD nor FORD was his true name, but it was something quite different from either of these names.

It is noted that Portland has located a marriage between a FRED DODD and a PEARL ALLEN married on May 9, 1914, in Multnomah County, Oregon. DODD's residence was listed as Salem, Marion County, Oregon.

From this the possibility presents itself that FORD was actually born FRED DODD and changed his name to WALLACE FORD when leaving Oregon due to marital difficulties. Chicago feels that this possibility should be thoroughly explored.

The philosophy of the NOI also states that FARD's father was a "devil" (white man) while his mother was one-half "original." This could indicate that his mother was half Negro, Chinese, Hawaiian, or Indian.

Portland has conducted investigation attempting to locate a birth record for WALLACE FORD. It is requested that similar investigation be conducted to see if a birth of a FRED DODD can be located.

It is noted that F. D. HENNESSY, a witness to the marriage of FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN, is probably identical with FRANK D. HENNESSY, a lawyer. It is requested that Portland check with the local bar association to determine

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if it possesses any record of HENNESSY and could possibly direct Agents to any member of his family or to former partners or associates of HENNESSY. If so, they should be interviewed for any recollection they might have of HENNESSY's knowledge of DODD.

It is also requested that long time residents in the legal field in both Portland and Salem be contacted for any information they might possess concerning DODD and/or PEARL ALLEN. It is pointed out that FORD stated his Oregon marriage was followed by a bitter separation after which he had been "unable to obtain a divorce," which might indicate some other form of legal action.

It is not clear from Portland's letter of January 9, 1958, if the check of the Salem City Directories and Marion County tax lists was only against the name FORD, or if FRED DODD was also checked. If the above were not checked against the name DODD, they should be checked against the names WALLACE DODD and FRED DODD.

If any further record of, or information concerning DODD or FORD is located, it should be thoroughly and imaginatively pursued to its logical conclusion from all available records and/or possible witnesses. Any information developed concerning the actual origins or identity of W. D. FORD will tend to disprove the philosophy of the NOI and can lead to a better understanding of that organization by Agents investigating the NOI.

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of WALLACE FORD taken in June, 1926. It should be returned to Chicago upon completion of investigation in Portland.

SAC, Detroit (100-26356)

January 28, 1958

Director, FBI (105-63642)

WALLACE DON FARD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

Reurlets 10-22-57 and 1-17-58.

Relet dated 10-22-57 advised that a photograph of the subject was available to your office. Relet dated 1-17-58 advised that Mrs. Marion Kieber, 609 East Baker, Flint, Michigan, advised she had accompanied her father during the time he conducted many interviews relative to the Nation of Islam (NOI). She also stated that she had observed a photograph of the subject which was hanging on the wall of a building which she apparently visited with her father.

You should exhibit a photograph of the subject to Mrs. Kieber to determine if he is identical with the individual she knew named Farad, who was the leader of the NOI at the time her father was interested in this organization.

1 - Chicago (100-33683) (For information)

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SAC (25-20607)

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SA [REDACTED]

NATION OF ISLAM

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During the course of the investigation by the writer to determine W. D. FARD's activities in Chicago in the early 1930's the writer has determined that the following information is available to be reviewed by agents of this office if they so desire:

Information compiled prior to 1940 by the Illinois Writer's Project of the WPA under a grant from the Rosenwald Foundation is filed in the Hall Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 4801 South Michigan under the caption of Research into the History of the Negro in Illinois. This information is rough material and has never been compiled into a book form but it is separated by categories, in four file cabinets at the above library.

Agents desiring to review the above material should identify themselves to the librarian, [REDACTED] and she will make material available to them. This material contains some research into the early history of the [REDACTED] and the NOI. The writer has received for photostating a portion of this material and it will be filed in the 1-B section of the W. D. FARD Case.

The above is being made a matter of record in the event that agents in the future desire to do any research into the history of the Negro movement in America.

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TO : SAC (100-33683) *b7c*

DATE: January 28, 1958

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

On January 20, 1958, the writer and SA [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he is one of the sections of the Moorish Science Temple of America. [REDACTED] was interviewed to determine if he possessed any information concerning W. D. FARD.

b7c [REDACTED] advised that he was aware of the fact that an individual named ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was the head of an organization which he referred to as the "Mooslems". [REDACTED] stated that he first became acquainted with this organization through articles by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD appearing in the Pittsburgh Courier. [REDACTED] stated he was not thoroughly familiar with this organization but that he was certain that no good member of the Moorish Science Temple of America would have anything to do with the "Mooslems" because the "Mooslems" preached hate whereas the MSTA preached love, truth, peace, freedom and justice.

[REDACTED] stated that Attorney PHILLIP M. O'CONNELL, 139 North Clark Street, currently handles legal work for various branches of the MSTA in Chicago. [REDACTED] stated that he had never heard of the name W. D. FARD or any of the aliases which had been known to be used by FARD. [REDACTED] stated that possibly Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, who is head of Temple Number 1 of the MSTA would possibly be in possession of more information than he concerning the "Mooslems" or possibly concerning W. D. FARD.

- 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
- 1 - 25-20607 (NOI)
- 1 - 61-293 (MSTA)

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Re CG let to DE, 1/14/58, captioned NATION OF ISLAM, IS - NOI with respect to captioned individual. /2

On 1/21/58, [redacted] who has supplied reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected, advised SA [redacted] orally, that [redacted] is identical with [redacted] and the informant characterized Subject as "a nut". He said Subject is an itinerant artist, who frequents local hotel men's rooms making sketches of people. Informant said that lately Subject has been denied admission to Temple No. 1, Detroit, because of his mental idiosyncrasies. EUC.

③ - Chicago (FOURTEEN)
1 - 25-20607
1 - 100-6080
① - 100-33683
1 - Detroit

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DIRECTOR, FBI

January 31, 1958

SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

W. D. PARD, was.
SM - NOI
OO: Chicago

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DATE 10-21-95 BY SP12 [REDACTED]

Re Chicago letter to Bureau, October 30, 1957, and
Detroit letter to Director, January 17, 1958.

Efforts to locate [REDACTED] at Pontiac, Michigan,
were unsuccessful.

67c On January 20, 1958, SE [REDACTED] searched the
records of the Identification Bureau of the Pontiac Police Depart-
ment through the cooperation of Officer [REDACTED] with negative
results. On the same date, no record was found in the Identifica-
tion Bureau of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Pontiac, by
Officer [REDACTED]. Also, on that date, [REDACTED] of
the Reporting Department of the Pontiac Credit Bureau reported no
record on [REDACTED]. Local telephone and street directories at Pontiac
were negative upon [REDACTED].

At Detroit, local telephone and street directories
failed to reflect the present whereabouts of [REDACTED] 67c.

On January 28, 1958, Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]
interviewed [REDACTED] of the Michigan Credit
Bureau and [REDACTED] of the Michigan Merchant's
Credit Association, and caused the records to be searched with
negative results.

62c On January 23, 1958, SE [REDACTED] contacted
[REDACTED] of the Bureau of Criminal Identification,
Detroit Police Department, for a record search on [REDACTED]. None was
found. On January 27, 1958, he contacted Officer [REDACTED]
of the Subversive Squad, Detroit Police Department, with negative
results. Similarly, on January 22, 1958, [REDACTED] Stenog-
rapher in the Sheriff's Office, Detroit, found no record in the files
of that agency on [REDACTED].

2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
2 - Chicago (1 - 100-33683) (1 - 25-20607) (REGISTERED)
2 - Detroit (1 - 100-26356) (1 - 100-37038)

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On January 17, 1958, SA [REDACTED] personally interviewed [REDACTED] and his family of [REDACTED]. They said that the house is a duplex, with the other half being known as [REDACTED]. They further stated that they have continuously resided at that address for the past 24 years and to their knowledge no one by the name of [REDACTED] ever resided there; nor did they know such a person or have any information about him. It was ascertained from these people that the neighborhood is a mixed racial one and that no one in the area had lived there very long, or would know of anyone back as far as 1943.

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On January 22, 24, 1958, SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED], interviewed [REDACTED] under suitable security conditions in the vicinity of his residence. He said that he was born as [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. He said his race was Negro and that his education was to the 11th grade. He said he joined the Development of Our Own around [REDACTED] in Detroit and immediately became acquainted with ABDUL MOHAMMED, whom he also knew as F. D. ABDUL. He did not know what the letters "F.D." were for in latter's name. He said that ABDUL MOHAMMED was the founder, leader and had of the foregoing organization, and that he himself after a time became [REDACTED]. He said he worked in such capacity in the home of ABDUL MOHAMMED then located at 9632 Hindle, Detroit.

[REDACTED] went on to say that he never found out any background information on ABDUL MOHAMMED and is now unable to supply any. He said that about 1938, MOHAMMED became ill with tuberculosis and died in the same year. He said that he was buried by the Strickland Funeral Home of Mitchell and buried in the Detroit Memorial Cemetery. He was unable to supply the exact date of death of ABDUL MOHAMMED. He could not recall ever saying that ABDUL MOHAMMED died in a mental institution.

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[REDACTED] was shown the Detroit Police Department Number 45138 of Subject. He said that Subject is not identical with ABDUL MOHAMMED. He said further that he himself had never seen FARD. He did say, however, that he recalled vaguely hearing that FARD tried to join the Development of Our Own but ABDUL MOHAMMED refused to allow it. He said that it is his present recollection that the refusal was predicated upon the fact that FARD was allegedly of a violent and revolutionary mind, where the Development of Our Own was established for the general betterment and uplifting of the Negro race, wholly without any subversive objectives.

62 [REDACTED] described ABDUL MOHAMMED generally at the time of his hospitalization as Negro; male; age 60 - 70; 5'11" to 6'; 230 pounds; dark complexion; married, wife SARAH (phonetic); no children.

[REDACTED] in conclusion, indicated that the Development of Our Own in Detroit area numbered around 2,000 members in 1938, but that after MOHAMMED's death that it soon fell apart. He said he had no idea if FARD is alive nor had he any information about latter's whereabouts.

[REDACTED] 11371 Mitchell, Hamtramck, advised on January 28, 1958, that she has been in that business for 27 years. She searched her records and advised that ABDUL MOHAMMED of 1438 Hague, Detroit, died October 23, 1938, at West Fort Hospital, 3840 West Fort Street, Detroit, of tuberculosis. She said she buried him on October 29, 1938, at Detroit Memorial Park in Section 5, Grave 843. She said that hospital has been closed for years.

[REDACTED] in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, City and County Building, Detroit, on January 29, 1958, produced the Death Record on ABDUL MOHAMMED, being number 10980. This reflected that he died October 23, 1938, in the City of Detroit. His address appeared as 1438 Hague, Detroit. His age was noted as "about 55." His physical description was set forth as male,



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Negro, widower wife, SARAH BROWN. No other background information appeared on this Certificate. The cause of death was pulmonary tuberculosis. The Certificate was signed by EDMUND KNOBLOCH, M.D., the Coroner.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

1/31/58

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - NOI

Re Bureau letter dated January 21, 1958, containing
as an enclosure a correlation summary prepared at the SOG.

Page 50 of referenced summary reflects that Bufile
64-330-251-1836 was not reviewed because it contains informa-
tion which has been placed under restricted dissemination.

In view of the fact that the subject has been
virtually deified in the current philosophy of the NOI
and since Chicago is conducting intensive investigation
concerning the subject, the Bureau is requested to consider
furnishing Chicago with the essence of the information
appearing in this reference, if it is pertinent to this
investigation.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Chicago

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DIRECTOR, FBI

2/12/58

SAC, WFO (100-34329)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - NOI
(OO: CHICAGO)

Reference Baltimore letter dated 12/9/57, with lead for WFO to review references at Intelligence Records Section, SA, and Intelligence Document Library, ACNI, DA.

The references at Intelligence Records Section, reviewed on 1/16/58, by SA [REDACTED] did not reflect any information, identifiable with the subject, not in Bureau possession.

The references in the Intelligence Document Library, reviewed on 2/6/58, by SA [REDACTED] failed to disclose any information identifiable with subject. NUC.

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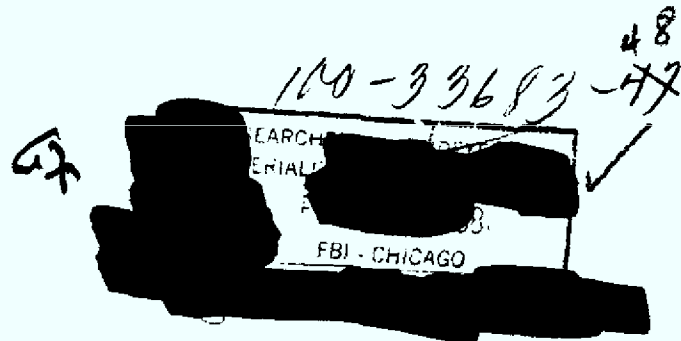
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

DATE: February 14, 1958

FROM : Director, FBI (105-63642)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD
SECURITY MATTER - NOIALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2-21-95 BY SP12 [REDACTED]
48Reurlet 1-31-58 and correlation summary
dated 1-15-58.Reference to subject listed on page fifty
of referenced correlation summary has been reviewed
and found not to be identical with the subject.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

February 26, 1958

SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

W. D. FARD, was.
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
OO:Chicago

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 6-21-95 BY SP12 [REDACTED] 351980

Re Bureau letter to Detroit dated January 28, 1958.

On February 11, 1958, Mrs. MARION KIEBER, 609 East Baker, Flint, Michigan, was shown a photograph obtained from the Detroit Police Department bearing the date May 26, 1935, and Detroit Police Department Number 45138 by SA [REDACTED]. KIEBER stated that this photograph was identical to the photograph of the person she knew to be named FARD whose picture she had seen on the wall at the University of Islam some twenty years ago while with her father interviewing persons who were Nation of Islam (NOI) members.

KIEBER advised that the photograph of FARD at the University of Islam either a 5" x 8" or a 10" photograph in black and white and was a "glamorized" or touched up picture. She stated that she recalls that the picture was taken from a 45 degree angle instead of a full face or a profile.

Mrs. KIEBER was asked if she was positive of the identification she had made and she stated that there was no doubt in her mind that the two persons were the same.

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- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- ② - Chicago (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-33683)
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- 2 - Detroit
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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

March 10, 1958

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

WALLACE DODD FORD, Was.
W. D. Fard, "Allah" Mohammad,
Ali, Fred Dodd, Wali Furrad,
Wallace Fard, W. D. Fard,
Wallace Don Ford, Walei Ford,
"The Great Mahdi", F. Mohammad -
Ali, Furrad Mohammad
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
OO: CHICAGO

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 6-21-95 BY SP12

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ReBulet to Chicago January 28, 1958, enclosing a correlation summary prepared at the Seat of Government. For the information of New York, the following information is presented:

According to the speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, National Leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W. D. FARD who taught MUHAMMAD for three years concerning Islam. FARD taught Islam in Detroit from 1930 to 1933 at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Police Department and subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois where he taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since. MUHAMMAD has indicated that FARD returned to Mecca.

The philosophy of the NOI teaches that FARD arrived in the United States from Mecca on July 4, 1930, and that he returned to Mecca after bringing the knowledge of their true identity to the lost-found Nation of Islam which had been held in slavery in the United States for 400 years. The philosophy of the NOI is deified FARD and has identified him with the god ALLAH.

Investigation conducted by the FBI has identified FARD as being identical with the subject of FBI Number 56062 whose last known appearance was an arrest in Chicago, Illinois in September, 1933.

- 2 - Bureau (Registered)
- 2 - Detroit (100-26356) (Registered)
- 2 - New York (Registered)
- ① - Chicago

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Page 27 of referenced correlation summary reflects information contained in a Detroit report dated November 12, 1942, entitled, [REDACTED] Was. Et al, Morrish Science Temple of America, IS - J, Custodial Detention, Sedition."

This report contained information which was given to the Detroit Office by the Michigan State Police in a memorandum dated June 16, 1942. This memorandum reflected that a W. D. FARD, alias Davis EL, 9316 Oakland Avenue, Detroit, was known as the Grand Sheik of the Morrish Science Temple of America and that he was believed to be from Kansas City, Missouri or from Chicago. This memorandum advised that the Moslems were organized in Detroit in 1913 by ROBERT D. OLLIE who was run out of Detroit in 1929. Report reflected E. D. FARD reorganized this group in 1930 but was run out of town by the Police in 1934 and returned in 1936.

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Page 34 of referenced correlation summary reflects information appearing in New York report of October 26, 1953, regarding "ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, Was., MCI, aka. Et al, SSA 1948, Conspiracy, IS - C." This report reflected that on August 31, 1953, [REDACTED] a known Moslem, voluntarily appeared in the New York Office. At that time he advised that in 1951 he saw the god ALLAH in New York City at the MCI Temple on 115th Street. He pointed out that he could not describe ALLAH but that he would certainly be able to identify him if he saw him again.

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[REDACTED] further stated that ALLAH always appeared under the name of W. D. FARAD. When [REDACTED] was shown a photograph of FARD, he was visibly startled and stated that he would not positively identify it as ALLAH or FARD but did indicate that it quite possibly was a photograph of him. [REDACTED] advised that ALLAH resided in the Holy city of Mecca where he always had lived and where he would continue to live forever.

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The Detroit Division: From the information reported in this letter it would appear that the Michigan State Police had confused the Morrish Science Temple of America with the Nation of Islam; however, Detroit is requested to contact the Michigan State Police and determine the source of the information appearing in their memorandum of June 16, 1942, which reflected that W. D. FARD alias DAVIS EL, 9316 Oakland Avenue was Grand Sheik of the Morrish Science Temple of America.

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Detroit should attempt to resolve whether or not the DAVIS EL alleged to be an alias of W. D. FARD is identical with the subject of this investigation. If it is determined that that individual is identical with the subject of this investigation, logical investigation should be conducted to follow his movements since that date and to determine his present location.

67c The New York Division is requested to attempt to reinterview [redacted] and determine from him all information concerning the appearance of ALLAH or W. D. FARD at the MCI Temple in New York in 1951.

New York should advise if the photograph shown to [redacted] was the photograph of the subject of Detroit Police Department number 45138. New York should conduct all logical investigation to verify or disprove [redacted] statement that FARD or ALLAH appeared at the New York Temple in 1951. If this information is verified, New York should conduct all investigation necessary to locate FARD or any information concerning him.

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

"CHANGED"

WALLACE DODD FORD, Was.
"The Great Mahdi"
SM / NOI

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6-21-95
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Re Miami airtel to Director dated 1/21/58.

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to list the subject's true name as WALLACE DODD FORD as supplied by the subject's former common-law wife as stated in reairtel. "The Great Mahdi" is being added as an alias due to the fact that W. D. FORD is identified as such in various writings expounding the philosophy of the NOI.

Previous investigation has indicated that the subject may have been of New Zealand origin and that his parents may have been residing in New Zealand around 1920. Previous investigation has also indicated that the subject probably used the name FRED DODD in Oregon prior to 1915. This opens the possibility that the subject may have been born FRED DODD and investigation has recently been directed to Portland to explore this possibility. San Quentin records listed the subject's parents as ZARED and BEATRICE FORD of Hawaii.

Reairtel reflects that the subject's former common-law wife last saw him in 1932 or 1933 at which time he made the statement that he intended to return to New Zealand.

In view of this, the Bureau is requested to consider the following investigative steps in New Zealand through appropriate liaison:

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- ① - Chicago

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The fingerprints of WALLACE DON FORD, FBI # 56062, should be searched against any central repository of fingerprints maintained in New Zealand. If no such central repository exists, the prints should be searched against the police records in the major cities of New Zealand.

Any records of emigration or immigration should be checked against the following names:

FRED DODD
WALLACE DODD
WALLACE FORD
ZARED FORD
ZARED DODD
BEATRICE FORD
BEATRICE DODD

The records of appropriate intelligence and counter-intelligence agencies in New Zealand should be checked for any record of the subject or any record of an organization with a philosophy similar to that of the NOI.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)

February 28, 1958

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

WALLACE DODD FORD, Was.
SM - NOI
(OO:Chicago)

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 6-21-95 BY SPJ

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A review of the file in this case reflects that the subject as WALLIE FORD, Los Angeles Police Department #16448, was arrested February 15, 1926, by the Los Angeles Police Department for violation of the State Prison Act. As a result of this arrest, he was subsequently sentenced to serve zero to six years in San Quentin Prison.

HAZEL EVELSIZER has advised that WALLACE FORD was associated with a man who was half Chinese and that the two of them sold narcotics for which they were arrested and sent to prison.

San Quentin records reflect that FORD and his partner, EDWARD DONALDSON, were arrested in connection with the sale of drugs. The prosecutor in this case was listed as District Attorney KEYS of Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles is requested to determine if any court or police records of the details of the subject's dealing in narcotics exist, and if so, to obtain all available information. Since WALLACE DODD FORD has been deified by the NQE, it is felt that these details would be useful in the investigation of this organization.

Los Angeles is also requested to determine the Los Angeles PD number and description of the subject's partner in those dealings, EDWARD DONALDSON. His identification record, should then be secured from the Bureau so that investigation may be directed leading to his location in order that he may be interviewed for any information that he can furnish concerning the background of the subject.

2 - Los Angeles
① - Chicago

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 3/6/58

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM-NOI
OFFICE ORIGIN: CHICAGO

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-21-95 BY SPB

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Relet from Chicago to Bureau dated 2/3/58, wherein certain additional leads are set forth for the Portland Office, seeking to develop additional background data concerning FRED DODD, who according to Marriage Certificate #28247, on file in Book 35, page 240, Marriage Records, Office Multnomah County Clerk, Portland, was married 4/20/14, at the Multnomah County Court House by Circuit Judge W. N. GATENS, in the presence of F. D. HENNESSY and MARRY E. MORENO.

[redacted] Oregon State Board of Health,
Bureau of Vital Statistics, 979 State Office Building, on
2/19/58, advised that the records of births on file at this
institution did not go back to the 1890's other than in
those instances where there had been what is termed a
"delayed filing" of record of birth. [redacted] advised
after checking such records that there was no record on
file of the birth in Oregon of anyone named FRED DODD.
[redacted] noted that the Portland City Board of Health,
Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Hall, maintains some
records of biths which occurred in Portland, prior to 1903.

On 2/19/58, [REDACTED] Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Board of Health, Portland City Hall, made a check of those births recorded in the period from June, 1884 to December 31, 1895. There was no record of birth of anyone named DODD. [REDACTED] pointed out that the birth records on file were limited in number inasmuch as during that period there was no requirement that same be done.

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With reference to F. D. HENNESSY, who was a witness to the marriage of FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN, as it is noted in Portland letter to Chicago 10/29/57, the 1913 Portland City Directory lists FRANK D. HENNESSY, lawyer, 701 Chamber of Commerce Building, residence 410 - 13th Street, Portland. The 1915 and 1916 Portland City Directories list FRANK D. HENNESSY, (wife, THERESA B.) as clerk, District Court, Portland, he being shown as clerk of Department 5, Circuit Court, in 1915.

The 1920 Portland City Directory lists FRANK HENNESSY, wife, THERESA B., as an engineer, with residence same as in 1915, 410 - 13th Street. The 1950 Portland City Directory lists THERESA B. HENNESSY, widow of FRANK HENNESSY, residing at 627 N. W. 21st Avenue, Portland. Mrs. HENNESSY's name does not appear in subsequent Portland City Directories.

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On 2/19/58, [REDACTED] Multnomah County Clerk's Office, Multnomah County Court House, advised that he has been employed in the County Clerk's office in various capacities since 1921. [REDACTED] recalled that W. N. GATENS, Circuit Judge, (who married FRED and PEARL ALLEN), died a few months after Judge GATENS was defeated for re-election to office in about 1923. [REDACTED] recalled that while GATENS was a Circuit Judge he was assigned to Department #5. [REDACTED] stated that he was unable to recall F. D. HENNESSY or FRANK D. HENNESSY as having been either a Circuit Court Clerk, or a practicing attorney. [REDACTED] pointed out it was quite likely from the facts related that HENNESSY was a Circuit Court Clerk in Department 5, in which department W. N. GATENS was Judge in 1914.

[REDACTED] further stated that it appears quite likely F. D. HENNESSY was called upon by the Judge to act as a witness to the marriage in question. [REDACTED] stated that this has been a common practice over the years. In the case at hand, he noted that MARY MORENO probably accompanied the couple being married, while HENNESSY was asked by the judge to serve as the second witness to the marriage. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] himself has served in similar capacity under similar circumstances on a number of occasions, he having no knowledge of the persons being married other than when being introduced to them at the time of the ceremony.

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From the facts outlined above there is no reason to believe that any purpose would be served in attempting to locate any acquaintances of HENNESSY to ascertain whether they have any knowledge of FRED DODD. Further effort in this direction therefore, is not being made.

It is noted there is no indication in old city directories that FRANK D. HENNESSY ever served in a law office with other attorneys. It is also noted that the 1926 Portland City Directory, lists FRANK D. HENNESSY, wife, THERESA B., as an engineer, Bureau of Water Works, Portland.

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Reference is made to the request that long time residents in the legal field in both Portland and Salem be contacted for any information they might possess concerning DODD and/or PEARL ALLEN. This request is based upon the alleged fact that WALLIE FORD had stated his Oregon marriage was followed by a bitter separation after which he was "unable to obtain a divorce", which might indicate some other form of legal action. Any consideration given to this lead would be based upon the assumption that DODD or ALLEN had instituted action under the name of DODD, since this was the name under which they were married. As was indicated in Portland letter dated 10/29/57, a complete search was made of the Divorce Indices for Multnomah County by SA [REDACTED] on 10/22/57, covering the period from 1/2/14 to December, 1937. There was no record whatever of any divorce action having ever been instituted by or against a FRED DODD. It is noted records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Oregon State Board of Health, reflect only actual divorces granted rather than the filing of complaints for divorce. It is pointed out in Portland letter to Chicago, 12/31/57, a check made of the records of Marion County Clerk's Office, Salem, Oregon, failed to reflect any record of a divorce involving W. D. FORD, FRED DODD, PEARL ALLEN or PEARL DODD. Since there is no item of record indicating any divorce complaint was ever filed against or by FRED DODD inquiry does not appear warranted among long time residents in the legal field concerning the "bitter separation" of DODD and PEARL ALLEN, which separation would have taken place some 35 to 40 years ago.

Concerning the check of Salem City Directories and Marion County tax lists, reference to which is made in Portland letter dated 1/9/58, it is pointed out the check of records included the name FRED DODD.

It is recalled the records concerning the marriage of PEARL ALLEN to FRED DODD on 4/20/14, indicated that PEARL ALLEN of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, was then about eighteen years of age. It is assumed PEARL ALLEN was the maiden name of this woman although this is not specifically indicated. Examination of Portland City Directories issued during the years between 1912 and 1929, failed to reflect any woman was listed under the name of PEARL ALLEN. The directories were also checked for the years 1915 to 1929 for any record of PEARL DODD without any results. It is noted the Portland City Directories issued for the years 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1957, likewise were checked for any record of either PEARL ALLEN or PEARL DODD but no such name was listed.

It is noted as to MARY E. MORENO, one of the witnesses to the marriage of FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN, Portland City Directories issued between 1913 and 1957, contain only one possible reference to her, same being the 1915 City Directory as indicated previously in Portland letter dated 10/29/57.

6x [REDACTED] Retail Credit Association of Portland, Inc., on 2/21/58, advised that the records of that agency contain no reference to MARY E. MORENO, [REDACTED] stated that the files of the credit agency are periodically checked and in the absence of any credit activity, files upon becoming 10 years old are destroyed.

In the absence of further logical leads, this case considered RUC.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-33683 62)

DATE: March 7, 1958

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised the writer on February 21, 1958 of the following information.

Informant advised that in conferences that he has had with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, MUHAMMAD has stated that ALLAH (God) is WALLACE FARD MUHAMMAD who was born February 26, 1877 in the Holy City of Mecca. Informant stated that he asked ELIJAH how this man could be God and ELIJAH replied that this man was a reincarnation of the original MUHAMMAD who founded the Islamic religion. ELIJAH stated that WALLACE FARD MUHAMMAD lived with him, ELIJAH, for three years after which he was told by ALLAH that "he had completed his teachings and was going away and that ELIJAH could call on him at any time for help." According to ELIJAH, ALLAH told him "You yourself can become God because you have all of the teachings."

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1-100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-5545)

Date: 3/7/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Dictated: 3/7/58.

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Source [REDACTED]

Date of Activity : 2/26/58

Date Received : 3/5/58

Employee Receiving: SA [REDACTED]

Location [REDACTED]

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TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past,
furnished the following written report:

"A Moslem Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois on 26 February 1958 at 1400, celebrating the birth of W. Frad Muhammad referred to as the 'Great Mahdi or the Almighty God Allah'. The opening prayer was led by James X Shabazz, Assistant Minister at Muhammad's Temple #2, Chicago, Ill. Minister Shabazz made a short lecture concerning the birth of W. Frad Muhammad and the sending of his Messenger who is no other than Elijah Muhammad. Minister Shabazz acted as Master of Ceremony, introducing Ministers from various Temple's in the United States. Each Minister gave short talks on the birth of the Mahdi, Frad Muhammad ---- all of whom were outstanding speakers and seem to be well educated.

"The Elijah Muhammad arrived at the convention about 1530 and was greeted as he walked down the isle by a fanatical standing ovation, which lasted at least fifteen (15) minutes. He greeted the congregation by the saying of 'As-Salaam Alaikum' and began to lecture on the Birth of Jesus, and explaining that Jesus was not a Jew. He stated that if Jesus was the 'Son of God', how could he be birth by Mary, the wife of Joseph. Christianity teaches that there is a Spiritual God, yet the Bible states that there is no other God but the Son of Man, but Jesus was the Son of a Spiritual

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God. How could Mary be a heavenly women when she was of the world and gave a son to the world. Jesus could not have been a Jew because he was born in Palestine. Elijah Muhammad said that the Jews are not God's choosen people nor the seed of Abraham becuase Jesus said the Jews did the work of the devil and not the work of Abraham. He stated that it's clear that something isn't right because even though the white man killed Jesus he still worship him. He stated the Jesus who died two thousand years ago would never return and that we must follow the teaching of W. Fard Muhammad who is our God (Allah) and that he was born on 26 Feb 1877 in the Holy City of Mecca. He warned the audience not to denounce Islam before studying it.---- if we hadn't been taught Christianity we would not believe about Jesus ascending up into heaven, or that all the Angels and Christ are white. Elijah Muhammad stated how he had been bless after excepting Islam and that several members gave him their cars and he began to receive things that he needed. He told how prior to the excepting of Islam he was forced to live in a three room apartment with a wife and six (6) children.

"Elijah Muhammad said if we follow him we would be in a state of heaven right here on earth which is the only heaven we will ever see because there is none after we leave here.

"Elijah Muhammad stated if we could except Abraham, Moses and Jesus as prophets why couldn't we except him. He stated that he is here to do as Moses did ---- to tell Pharaoh to let his people go. He mention that all prophets before his time was prosecuted and finally killed but no one would lay a hand on him because he's protected by Allah. Elijah Muhammad mention how he was hated because he is trying to help his race.

"He stated that all other prophets had seen a revelation and was only revealing what they saw but none besides him was taught directly by God.

"Elijah Muhammad said if you ask a devil if they have seen God ---- he would admit that no one has ever seen God. So why should we worship a God we have never seen and who we have been calling up on and he has never answer and has permitted the devil to keep us in bondage for over four hundred years. This should prove that it's not the right God so we should except a God that looks like us and quit wrshipping a Jesus with long curly hair.

"Elijah Muhammad stated that people call Father Divine and Daddy Grace God but he made it clear not to call him God because he was only a Messenger of Allah sent to save us and that after him there would be no other prophets.

"He warned the Masons to join Islam or he would reveal all of there secrets. He stated ---- why pray for secrets when you could get them in Islam free. Elijah Muhammad stated that he wasn't asking them to join a religion but to go back into there own ---the Nation of Islam. He asked the audience not to cling to the 'Old Rugged Cross' because it represents suffering, death and shame.

"Elijah Muhammad stated that just about everyone misunderstood the quotation 'Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother' because this actually means for the white man to honor the black man because the black man is his father since he was drafted out of the black man. He mention that the Bible was a beautiful book but you have to understand it's meaning.

"Elijah Muhammad said when Joseph saw twelve stars that emerged into one this was a symbol of the twelve (12) Islam Leaders of the East coming to Elijah Muhammad for leadership. He stated our God Allah is turning us to the east and the brother of the east to us and now for the first time we have brothers from the east loving us and shaking our hands ---- greeting us as brothers. He also stated that the verse in the Bible which mention 'A Women clothes with the Sun and the Moon at her feet represent the Nation of Islam.

"Elijah Muhammad mention that he asked Allah for good weather during the convention and he warned that the weather would change as soon as the convention was over.

"Elijah Muhammad said that this would be the last convention held at that church and he ridiculed them for worshipping a Spiritual God and having to ordian Ministers before they are qualified to preach.

"Elijah Muhammad also mention the FBI questioning him about being a Messenger of Allah and wanted to know if Allah gave him any Credential and he replied the 'Holy Quran'.

"Elijah Muhammad stated that he could ask Allah to destroy all the darker races that are non-believers in Islam but that he wouldn't because he love them and wanted to give them a chance because he's here to save them.

"Elijah Muhammad stated that Daniel had faith in his God because he protected him even in the Lion's Jaws and that he also have faith in his God 'Allah' because he's protecting him ---- not from the four legged lion but the two legged lion.

"Elijah Muhammad stated that all Muslim lived for Islam and would die for Islam and that they should respect and treat their brothers right but in the event that a Muslim killed another Muslim ----- he must also be put to death.

"Elijah Muhammad said that it should be easy for one to see that since God made man in his own image and man was made out of black clay then how could God be white or a spirit ---- he would have to be a black God in the form of a man ---- no other then W. Frad Muhammad.

"Elijah Muhammad warned the Muslin to protect their women because they wasn't able to protect theirselves.

"He launch a nation wide drive for a \$3,500,000.00 project which he have blue prints on and plan to built in the near future. This project included Kindergarten School, Administrative Building of the University of Islam, Auditorium of the University of Islam, The University of Islam, Library of the University of Islam, Restraunt and the Temple.

"After recruiting the lost found Elijah Muhammad turn the Meeting over to Minister James X Shabazz for closing and he departed swiftly thru Guards consisting of the Captains and Lieutenants from all of the Temples.

"All doing the meeting --- even while Elijah Muhammad was speaking the so called lost founds continue to leave.

"Minister Malcom X from New York made a speech prior to the arrival of Elijah Muhammad. He asked the congregation how could they worship a man who doesn't look like us doesn't act like us, doesn't talk like us, doesn't walk like us or even smell like us. He stated that there are over 17 million Negroes in America but still we had to look to the white man for everything. He asked where are our stores, factories and etc. He stated all this we could have if we would unite.

"Wallace Muhammad, the son of Elijah Muhammad explained about different Gods and the reason why our God is reffered to as Allah. He said the work A llah means the true and only God and by calling him Allah there want be any mistakes about what God we are calling on. He also stated that the devil knows about Allah and he knows that all the prophets were black but he kept this a secret from us ---- this he accomplished by taking our name and language.

"A secret meeting was held on the 27 February 1958 at 11 o' clock A.M. Ten minister and Elijah Muhammad attended the meeting. The Ministers didn't know the place of the meeting -- They met at the University of Islam and when Elijah Muhammad arrived they rush out to their cars and proceeded to their secret place of meeting.

"Robert Davenport, Minister at Temple #22 stated things would be different at Temple #22 and that he would see that there was more unity and friendliness. However Albert Everetts and Margie Everetts felt that most of the lack of unity and friendliness was due to the fact that the Minister, Robert Davenport showed favoritism towards Fred and Clarence Moorefield, and seem to take away from them their ability to think for themselves. They also mention how Robert and Dorothy Davenport refused to chastise their daughter when she shows disrespect for her elders. Albert Everetts stated that the minister's daughter was the Minister's God since he submitted to her. Albert Everetts also mention how the Minister, Robert Davenport teaches that the man should be the ruler of his house ----- yet he permits his wife Dorothy to make the majority of the decisions.

"By the way all of the men were searched by forty men prior to entering the church --- they had to remove everything from their pockets and was carefully patted from their neckline to their ankles by all forty men.

"The following members from Temple #22 were present at the convention:

Albert Everetts	Margie Everetts
Dorothy Davenport	Robert Davenport
Roosevelt Peay	Otis Williams
Clemson Williams	Geneva Williams
William X	Dorothy X
Helen Woods	Alimous Woods
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"The meeting lasted about five and a half (5-1/2) hours and the church was approximately three fourth (3/4) full.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

FROM : Director, FBI (105-63642)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

DATE: March 12, 1958

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Re Chicago letters 2-3-58 and 2-28-58 and
Detroit letter 1-31-58.

Re Chicago letter 2-28-58 requested Bureau
consider requesting investigation be conducted in this
matter in New Zealand.

A review of subject's Bufile reflects when
interviewed by the California State parole authorities,
as a result of his arrest in Los Angeles in 1926, the
subject advised he was born 2-25-1891 at Portland, Oregon,
where he resided until 1913. The only information in the
possession of the Bureau indicating subject was a
New Zealander is that furnished by subject's former
common-law wife, Hazel Evelsizer. She admitted she knew
nothing about subject's background and considered him a
New Zealander from hearsay. Further, she advised the
subject visited her either in the Summer of 1932 or 1933
at which time he made the remark he was returning to
New Zealand. In this connection it is noted the subject
was arrested 5-25-33 at Detroit, Michigan, at which time
he was describe as being of Arabian ancestry. After
leaving Detroit he was alleged to have taught Islam in
Chicago until some time in 1934 when he disappeared.
Actually, it is not definitely known if Ford or Dodd is
subject's true name. As yet, his birth has not been
verified. Therefore, the Bureau feels investigation in
New Zealand should be held in abeyance pending further
investigation in this matter, especially investigation
requested by the Portland division by re Chicago letter
2-3-58.

67x Re Detroit letter 1-31-58 reflects interview
with [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised he vaguely recalled hearing that the
subject was interested in the Negro cults of Detroit in

- 2 - Portland (105-544) (Information)
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1 - Los Angeles (105-4805) (Information)

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the early 1930's. The Bureau feels that [REDACTED] should be reinterviewed for names of individuals who were members of the "Development of Our Own" cult during the early 1930's and any additional information he can possibly furnish regarding subject's activities in Detroit during that period.

Further, Bufiles fail to reflect what investigation, if any, has been conducted to locate Edward Donaldson, who was arrested with the subject in Los Angeles in 1926. San Francisco letter dated 8-27-57 reflected Donaldson as subject's "partner." This individual could possibly furnish background information concerning the subject.

The Bureau should be advised of the results of investigation conducted by the Honolulu Office as requested by Chicago letter dated 10-3-57 concerning subject's family.

The Bureau realizes that investigation in this matter calls for imagination, initiative, and resourcefulness. Agents handling this matter should not be content to merely cover suggested leads, but should thoroughly and logically examine this case and pursue every logical lead. In this connection, the Bureau is closely following this investigation.

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

March 17, 1958

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

WALLACE DODD FORD, Was.
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The current philosophy of the Nation of Islam (NOI) teaches that W. D. FARD arrived in the United States from the Holy City of Mecca on July 4, 1930. Among some of the older writings and teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMED, National Leader of the NOI, is found a statement that W. D. FARD arrived in the United States in 1914.

In this connection it is noted that previous investigation has established that W. D. FARD may have originally come from New Zealand. Also, investigation has established that FARD probably used the name, FRED DODD, in Portland, Oregon around 1914.

The Washington Field Office is requested to check the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine if any record can be located for a FRED DODD or a WALLACE DODD who arrived in the United States from New Zealand sometime prior to 1915.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-34329)(REGISTERED)
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (25-20607) 62

DATE: 3/24/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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62 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished in person to SA [REDACTED] on March 4, 1958, a five page handwritten report concerning his activities at the University of Islam, 5333 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on February 26, 1958, and also information concerning the NOI annual convention held on February 26, 1958 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 4130 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This report was signed by informant and can be located in [REDACTED] 62

Informant stated that during the morning on February 26, 1958, he went to the University of Islam where he met and talked with a large number of out of town delegates to the convention.

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- 1 - Baltimore [REDACTED] (Info)(RM)
 - 1 - Boston (97-145)(Info)(RM)
 - 2 - Detroit (RM)
 - 1 - 100-5549 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
 - 1 - Jacksonville (Info)(RM)
 - 1 - Miami (105-544)(Info)(RM)
 - 1 - Minneapolis [REDACTED] (Info)(RM)
 - 2 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 105-7809
 - 1 - 100- (MALCOLM LITTLE)
 - 1 - Philadelphia [REDACTED] (Info)(RM)
 - 6 - Chicago
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 - ① - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (25-20607)

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/24/58

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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62c 67c [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished in person to SA [REDACTED] on 2/19/58 a three page handwritten report concerning [REDACTED] 6x

[REDACTED] This report can be located in A [REDACTED] 67c

In the event any information set out in this memo is used for report purposes, extreme care should be taken in order to fully protect informant's identity.

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- 10 - Chicago 67c
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
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 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)

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SA [REDACTED]

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62 On 2/27/58, [REDACTED] and on 3/4/58, [REDACTED] who have furnished reliable information in the past, each provided to SA [REDACTED] one copy of a brochure entitled "In the Name of ALLAH", published by the University of Islam, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

62 670 [REDACTED] obtained the brochure at the 2-25-58 session (exhibited as 25-20607-1B2-209) and [REDACTED] at the 2-23-58 session (exhibited as 25-20607-1B2-217) of the Annual Moslem Convention held 2/23-26/58 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Auditorium, 4130 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The brochure contains photos of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, MUHAMMAD's residence, MUHAMMAD's Temple #2, the University of Islam #2 and the Temple #2 businesses. It also contains a blueprint for the blackman's future--with sketches of new schools, a business center and Mosque.

In the center of the brochure is a program for the convention, 2/23-26/58.

On 2/23/58, the opening prayer was scheduled to be given by Minister JAMES X SHABAZZ, Assistant Minister, Temple #2.

Professor F. H. HAMMURABI, Chicago, was scheduled to show movies and slides on 2/24/58.

2/26/58 was scheduled as the celebration of the birth of the Mahdi, FARD MUHAMMAD, Savior of the so-called Negroes in America.

- 1 - [REDACTED] 62
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1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
① - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)
1 - 100-32590 (University of Islam)

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It is reflected in the brochure that MUHAMMAD's Temples, led by Mr. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and scattered throughout the country, is today one of the largest and most cohesive Moslem groups in America; in attracting people from all walks of life it has established a community of action and interest for the ultimate end of a "united front of blackmen in America".

Mr. MUHAMMAD has said, "The blackman in America has been too long treated as a pariah, despised, neglected and left to despair, in a country whose soil his blood, tears and sweat have nurtured. He must therefore begin building enterprises as his own as a first step toward the eventual unity of blackmen".

According to MUHAMMAD, the solution to the American Negroes' dilemma is for the blackman to take the offensive and carry the fight for justice and freedom to the enemy. For no people, oppressed, exploited and discriminated against can win a place in the sun on the defensive.

To achieve this end, MUHAMMAD advocates a "united front of blackmen of America". He advocates the use of the American Negro's purchasing power as a weapon. Briefly, he believes that the American Negroes will discover themselves, elevate their educated men and women to exalted positions, give outlets to their talented youth and assume the contours of a nation, once given opportunities for self-expression beyond the white world. MUHAMMAD believes that the main and basic responsibility for effecting a solution of the blackman's problems rest upon the American Negroes themselves. They should supply the money and pay the price, make the sacrifice and endure the suffering to realize full manhood as blackmen.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

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Re Bureau letter dated March 12, 1958.

This is to advise the Bureau that considerable investigation conducted by the Portland Division has failed to locate any record of a birth or early history of the subject under either the name DODD or FORD. Portland has pointed out that birth records around the time of the subject's reported birth are incomplete.

The only record Portland has located is a record of the marriage of a FRED DODD to PEARL ALLEN on April 20, 1914 at Multnomah County, Oregon. Extensive investigation has failed to locate any further information concerning these individuals.

For the information of the Bureau, by letter to SAC, Los Angeles dated February 28, 1958, Chicago requested investigation concerning EDWARD DONALDSON, the subject's partner in his 1926 arrest in Los Angeles.

By letter dated October 10, 1957, the Honolulu Division reported that it could locate no record of a WALLIE D. FORD, ZARED FORD or BEATRICE FORD. Three individuals who have been associated for a long time with the bottling industry advised that they had never heard of the Ford Bottling Company.

Chicago desires to point out the following facts:

Although the current philosophy of the NOI states that W. D. FARD arrived in the United States from the Holy City of Mecca on July 4, 1930, among the earlier statements of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is found the statement that W. D. FARD arrived in the United States in 1914. The records of the birth of the subject's son, WALLACE DODD FORD on September 1, 1920 at Los Angeles reflect that his father, WALLACE FORD, age 26 was born in New Zealand.

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A review of the information recording interviews with HAZEL EVELSIZER reflects that she made the statement subject was a New Zealander. This also reflects that a girl who was formerly employed by the subject helped him write letters to his parents in New Zealand.

The fact that the subject taught Islam in Chicago until 1934 is based solely on the statements of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and it is noted that the records of the Detroit Police Department reflect an arrest of the subject on May 25, 1933. Also records of the Chicago Police Department reflect an arrest of a WALLACE FORD on September 26, 1933 for disorderly conduct. From physical description that individual appears to be identical with the subject. No further records are available at the Chicago Police Department to further identify this arrest.

From this it appears that the last recorded appearance of anyone possibly identical with the subject was in September, 1933 at Chicago. In this connection, HAZEL EVELSIZER has stated that she last saw the subject in the summer of 1932 or 1933 at which time he said he was on his way to New Zealand. It is considered probable that EVELSIZER's recollection could be in error because of the time lapse involved.

It is felt that the above information furnished by the subject to a woman with whom he was living might tend to be more truthful than statements he may have made to police authorities at the time of arrests.

Chicago speculates that the subject may have been a New Zealander, and it is felt that the above facts warrant this conclusion at this time. It is felt that the leads set forth in Chicago letter of February 28, 1958 are a logical avenue of exploration. The subject, if alive today, would be in his late 60's and investigation in New Zealand could possibly locate some further record of him, or determine that he is still alive. Information developed concerning the subject is of importance to the investigation of the NOI and can help in a better understanding of that organization. Therefore, the Bureau is requested to consider having the leads covered which were set forth for New Zealand in Chicago letter of February 28, 1958.

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

April 9, 1958

SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)

WALLACE DODD FORD, was.

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Re Chicago letter to Los Angeles 2/28/58 which requested Los Angeles to develop information concerning EDWARD DONALDSON, who was arrested with FORD in Los Angeles in February, 1925.

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- 1 - San Francisco (100-43165) (Info) (REGISTERED)
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The original records of the Los Angeles Police Department have been destroyed and the above information was obtained from microfilm.

Los Angeles will endeavor to locate the records of the Superior Court which covered the trial of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for additional information in instant case. *Druckman*

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-83642)

April 18, 1958

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

WALLACE BOND FORD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

ReBulet, 4/15/58.

The Bureau feels that continued expenditure of investigative time in this matter is not warranted.

The Detroit, Los Angeles, New York Divisions and the Washington Field Office should discontinue investigation.

This is to advise the Bureau that this case is being placed in a closed status in the Chicago Office, and no report will be submitted.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (100-26356) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (105-4895) (RM)
- 2 - New York (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-34229) (RM)
- ① - Chicago

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

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SAC, WFO (100-34329)

WALLACE DODD FORD, was.
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Relet from Chicago to Bureau dated 3/17/58.

62 [REDACTED] Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, caused a check to be made of their records for files of FRED DODD and WALLACE DODD, and he advised SE [REDACTED] on 4/10/58 that they were unable to locate any record of an individual by name of WALLACE DODD in their files.

[REDACTED] made available a transcript of the microfilm record for an individual by the name of FRED DODD, who may be identical with individual in this case. This FRED DODD was born 2/14/69 at Manchester, England. He arrived in the United States on 3/1/09 at the port of Niagra Falls, N. Y., by means of the GTRR from Toronto, Canada. He gave his wife's name as BLANCHE MAY, born 5/1/71 in Pennsylvania (city not given). They had one daughter MARGARET born 12/19/06, at Philadelphia, Pa. He received his Certificate of Naturalization No. C-1,843,107 at a term of the U. S. District Court, Baltimore, Maryland. He resided at that time at 3407 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, Maryland. RUC.

- 2 - Bureau
- ② - Chicago (100-33683) (RM)
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 4/23/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 67

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD, was.
SM - NOI

67 On April 4, 1958, the writer interviewed [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] and is employed at the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that he is a member of the Nation of Islam and has been a member since approximately [REDACTED] at which time he joined the NOI at the insistence of his father. [REDACTED] stated that he was a devout Muslim and believed in the teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. [REDACTED] stated that when he joined the NOI he received his "original" name from ALLAH himself, W. D. FARD. [REDACTED] advised that the Temple at the time he joined the NOI was located at 34th and State Street. [REDACTED] stated that he was very young at the time that he joined the Temple and could furnish little information concerning W. D. FARD other than that he resided at a hotel with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

67 [REDACTED] stated that the only individual he could recall who was an officer of the Temple at that time other than the Prophet ELIJAH who is still alive, was an individual named [REDACTED] (phonetic) whom [REDACTED] believes now resides in Detroit.

[REDACTED] could furnish no further information concerning W. D. FARD and stated that he occasionally still attends meetings at the Temple of Islam.

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 25-20607 NOI

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

4-8-58

Subject

WALLACE DODD FORD was, W.D. FORD, "ALLAH," MOHAMMAD ALI, FRED DODD, WALI FARRAD, WALLACE FARAD, WALLACE FARN

Address

MUHAMMAD, "THE GREAT MAHDI"

Birth Date

Birthplace

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- ☐ Main Criminal Case Files Only
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Miss Wallace Don Ford

Mr. Blake

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1. Mokhammad Ali

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1. Mohammed F. Ali

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

DATE: April 15, 1958

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (105-63642)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

Reurlet 4-4-58.

The Bureau feels that continued expenditure of investigative time in this matter is not warranted. Therefore, this matter is being closed by the Bureau and you should take similar action in your office. Naturally, you should advise all auxiliary offices, having leads outstanding, of the Bureau's action in this case.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 6-4-58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was.

SM - NOI

Date of Interview:

April 3, 1958

Place of Interview:

Vicinity of [REDACTED] residence, [REDACTED]

Interviewing Agents:

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The original FD 302 containing the information
furnished by [REDACTED] is located in [REDACTED]

Dictated:

April 10, 1958

1 - 25-20607 (Nation of Islam)

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMED)

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)

1 - [REDACTED]

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SAC, CHICAGO (85- 20607)

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SA [REDACTED] 62

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DATE 6-21-95 BY SP12 [REDACTED] 351980 62

62 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information
in the past, furnished to SA [REDACTED] 62
on October 3, 1958, a handwritten report dated September
26, 1958 [REDACTED]

62 This report was signed by the informant and is
located in [REDACTED] 62

Informant advised that [REDACTED]

62c [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] whatever became of W. F. FORD and that she
stated that when the Messenger went to prison, FORD arranged
to go also. She stated that he got himself involved in a
situation where a minor charge was filed against him, so
that he could be near the Messenger and complete his teachings
to him.

Informant stated that she said that FORD was still around
and that he comes at night to visit the Messenger and to give
him instructions. She stated that the Messenger had told her
that he and his mother out of human curiosity often used to
look to see in what direction FORD would go when he left. She
stated that they were never able to follow him, that he would
just seem to disappear.

- 1 - [REDACTED] 62
1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
1 - [REDACTED]
① - 100-33793 (W. D. FORD)

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62 SAC, CHICAGO (100-35535)

January 30, 1959

SA [REDACTED]

NATION OF ISLAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

62 670

62 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on December 30, 1958, furnished to SA [REDACTED] a handwritten report dated December 24, 1958. This report was signed by the informant and is located in [REDACTED] 670

62 Informant advised that on December 24, 1958, [REDACTED] a teacher at Muhammad's University of Islam, 5335 South Greenwood, Chicago, asked [REDACTED] "Whatever happened to your Savior who taught the Honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD?" [REDACTED] answered that he did not know and stated that he may be in Mecca or Egypt or even here in Chicago. [REDACTED] stated that she had seen a picture of him and added that he looked like an Indian. [REDACTED] replied, "Well you know now he is not blond and blue-eyed as the devils picture him." [REDACTED] inquired as to why he had spent so much time with MUHAMMAD. [REDACTED] told her that he had selected Mr. MUHAMMAD because he was untrained, uneducated and his mind was untarnished. [REDACTED] stated that in three years he had changed MUHAMMAD from completely ignorant to the wisest man of all times. [REDACTED] stated that MUHAMMAD's mission was to teach the dark people of this nation so that in another 20 years they would be prepared to grow and teach other dark races in all corners of the world. [REDACTED] stated that those who follow ELIJAH MUHAMMAD now will be most blessed.

Informant advised that he had no additional information regarding the NOI to furnish at this time.

62c 1 - [REDACTED] 670
1 - 100-35535 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
1 - [REDACTED]
① - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)
1 - 100- [REDACTED]

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

February 9, 1959

SA [REDACTED] 67

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INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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On January 27, 1959, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided to SA [REDACTED] a written report containing questions and answers eight through forty of Lesson No. 2. These questions and answers were obtained at Muslim Girls Training (MGT) classes. This report is exhibited as A [REDACTED] 67

The informant advised that question and answer Number 38, which is omitted, is a duplication of one of the other questions and answers, number not recalled.

No. 8 What makes rain, hail, snow and earthquakes?

Answer The earth is approximately covered under water.

Approximately 3/4, of its surface. The Sun and Moon, having attracting power on our planet while our planet making the terrific speed of 1,037 1/3 miles on its way around the Sun. The Sun draws this water up into the Earth rotation, which is called gravitation, in a fine mist that the naked eye can hardly detect. But as this mist ascends higher and increasing with other mists of water in different currents of the atmosphere until when she becomes heavier than gravitation, then she distills back to the Earth in the form of drops of water or drops of ice, which depends on how heavy the mist was in the currents of the air real cold, and warm and some very swift and changeable so when the water strikes one of these cold currents it becomes solid ice in small round drops in forms or in a light fluffy form which is called snow, but this water is not ever drawn above six miles from the Earth's surface by the Sun and Moon; the reason it rains back on our Planet is because it cannot get out of the Earth Sphere with its high speed of rotating around the Sun makes it impossible.

No. 9 Why does the devil teach the eighty-five per cents, that a mystery God brings all this?

1 - [REDACTED] 670
① - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: MAR 25 1959

Informant:

██████████ who has furnished reliable information in the past. Oral on March 3, 1959. Later authenticated.

Date received:

Agent:

Location:

- 2 - Boston (RM)
1-100- [REDACTED]
1- 97-145 (NOI)
2 - New Haven (RM)
1-100-15927 (NOI)
1-100- (Minister)
2 - New York (RM)
1-105-7809 (NOI) d
1-105-8999 (MALCOLM LITTLE)
33 - Chicago [REDACTED] b7c
1-100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35638)

DATE: MAR 25 1959

FROM: SA [REDACTED] 62

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
ANNUAL CONVENTIONS
IS-NOI
OO: Chicago

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DATE 6-21-95 BY SP1 [REDACTED] 351980

Documentation

Informant

[REDACTED] who has
furnished reliable
information in the past.

Date received

Oral on March 3, 1959.
Later authenticated.

Agent

Location

It is noted that flyers distributed to the public on the South side of Chicago reflects that the Annual Muslim Convention would be held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, with daily sessions from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on February 27, 28 and March 1, 1959.

- 2 - Boston (Reg)
 - 1 - 97-145 (NOI) 62c
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
- 2 - New Haven (Reg)
 - 1 - 100-15927 (NOI)
 - 1 - 100- (Minister)
- 2 - New York (Reg)
 - 1 - 105-7809 (NOI)
 - 1 - 105-8999 (MALCOLM X) 62c
- 15-Chicago
 - 1 - [REDACTED] 62c
 - 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 - 1 - [REDACTED] 62c

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35638)

Date: 4/2/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 428

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
(ANNUAL CONVENTIONS)
IS - NOI

██████████ who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 6, 1959, orally furnished SA ██████████ with the following data regarding the February 26, 1959, Session of the Annual Muslim Convention. This data was reduced to writing by SA ██████████ and authenticated by ██████████ on March 19, 1959. The original is located as

A) [REDACTED] 670

2 - Boston [REDACTED] (Info) (RM)
(1 - [REDACTED])

2 - Los Angeles [REDACTED] (Info) (RM)
(1 - [REDACTED])

2 - New Haven [REDACTED] (Info) (RM)
(1 - [REDACTED])

2 - New York [REDACTED] (Info) (RM)
(1 - [REDACTED])

70 - Chicago [REDACTED] 670
(1 - [REDACTED])
(1 - 100-6989 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-32940)

DATE: 6/12/59

FROM: SA

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM,
TEMPLE NO. 17,
JOLIET, ILLINOIS
SM-NOI

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On May 28, 1959, PSI [redacted] who has not furnished sufficient information to date, gave his reliability to be established, orally furnished SA [redacted] a report of a meeting of Nation of Islam, Temple No. 17, 210 South Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois, held Wednesday, May 27, 1959. b7C

PSI [redacted] advised he went to Temple No. 17, at approximately 7:50 p.m., on Wednesday, May 27, 1959. He was met at the door by three men, including one known only to him as [redacted] who is employed at the Caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet, Illinois, and one individual known only to him as [redacted] and one other individual who was not identified. These men asked him for his personal effects, which they examined and returned to him. They also searched him physically for concealed weapons, explaining that this was for his benefit, as well as for the general good.

- 1 - Washington File (100-)
(Nation of Islam, Temple No. 4,
Washington D. C.)
12- Chicago 670
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
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1 - [REDACTED]
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1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 100-35635 (NATION OF ISLAM)
1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
① - 100- (W. E. MUHAMMAD)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (105-7809)

DATE: 6/23/59

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS-NOI
OO: Chicago

67c Re Baltimore letter to Chicago dated 6/9/59. (CG 100-35635-49)

SPY Relat advised that [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] and advised that he was studying the Islamic Religion and had joined the AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT in Islam at New York, New York; that he had learned that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was once a member of this movement but had been expelled for organizing a hate group in Chicago. [redacted] continued that MUHAMMAD reportedly studied under Dr. MUHAMMAD ZAFRULLAH KAHN, Vice President of the International Court of Justice of the AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT. [redacted] was of the opinion that Dr. KAHN had early background information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and W. D. FARD and that Dr. KAHN would be willing to furnish it to the FBI. 45

67c 3 - New York (RM)

1 - [redacted]

2 - Baltimore (100-16471) (RM) (Info)

1 - [redacted]

4 - Chicago

1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

1 - 100-33683 (WALLACE D. FARD)

1 - 100-35636 (NOI - Other than Chicago)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEWARK (14-169)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

DATE: 8/12/59

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The following information was furnished by [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on the dates indicated:

On July 28, 1959, [REDACTED] was in contact with [REDACTED] and asked for ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, but was told he was busy. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to tell ELIJAH that the brothers returning from Pittsburgh have had car trouble and have gone back to Pittsburgh; that [REDACTED] Temple No. 22, Pittsburgh) had called and stated he would drive the brothers back to Chicago today.

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- 2 - Newark (Info.) (RM)
- 2 - New York (105-7809) (Info.) (RM)
 - 1 - 105-8999 (MALCOLM X LITTLE)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (100-5545) (Info.) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-[REDACTED]
- 2 - Washington Field (100-22829) (Info.) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-[REDACTED]
- 15 - Chicago
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-8989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)
 - 1 - 100-32590 (UNIVERSITY OF ISLAM)
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]

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SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (100-22829)

January 20, 1960

SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

Re letter from ALEXANDER T. MC CONE, Colonel, G.S.C.,
AC of S, G-2, Headquarters Fifth Army, 1660 East Hyde Park
Boulevard, Chicago 15, Illinois to SAC, Chicago dated 12/13/50.
(25-20607-21)

Referenced letter forwarded to the Chicago Office a
"Summary of Information" regarding the Muslims of Islam. A
review of this "Summary of Information" reflected that a G-2
informant, not otherwise identified, reported that one W. D.
FERAUD claimed he was the originator of the "Development OF
OUR OWN" and the Moslem Temple of Islam Cult and cited as
proof a book that had been copyrighted by him in the United
States Library of Congress entitled "5 Guiding Principals".

The possibility exists that the W. D. FERAUD
referred to above is identical with W. D. FARD, who is the
"Allah" of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's movement.

Washington Field Office is requested to contact the
Library of Congress and ascertain if the book "5 Guiding
Principals" exists and to check at the Copyright Office in
Washington, D. C. for any information available regarding this
book or its author. Washington Field Office is further requested
to furnish Chicago with a copy of this book if available.

2 - Washington Field (RM)
2 - Chicago
(100-33683) (W. D. FARD)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33635)

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SAC, WFO (100-22829)

NATION OF ISLAM, aka
IS - NOI
(OO: CG)

ReCGlet dated 1/20/60, instructing WFO to contact the Library of Congress to ascertain if the book, "Five Guiding Principles," by W. D. FERAUD was noted in their indices; or, whether any information was available concerning same in the Copyright Office.

On 2/5/60, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the Title and Author indices of the Library of Congress concerning the above under the names FERAUD, FARD, and FARAAD, with negative results.

On 2/5/60, SA [REDACTED] also reviewed both the Author and Author - Claimant indices of the Copyright Office, Room 1025, Library Annex, Library of Congress, with negative results concerning same for the years 1898 to 1959 inclusive.

3-Chicago (RM)
① 100-33683 (W.D. FARD)
1-WFO

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DIRECTOR, FBI (95-290971)

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SAC, WFO (100-23829)

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61 [REDACTED]

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670 [REDACTED] advised that he did not know the
significance of above, and same is being furnished for the
information of the Bureau, Chicago Division, office of origin,
and the New York Division which handles MALCOLM X. (LITTLE).

- 2- Bureau
- ④ Chicago (RM)
 - (1- 100-26636) (NATION OF ISLAM)
 - (1- 100-6889) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

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- 2- New York (RM)
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

DATE: 9-16-60

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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██████████ actively furnished information to the Chicago Office during the period September, 1956, through September 6, 1960, regarding Nation of Islam (NOI) matters.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)
RE: WALLACE D. FARD, aka
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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, aka
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OO: CHICAGO

Re San Diego Radiogram Bureau 7/17/61, attention Identification Division reflecting Sheriff's Office, Santa Ana, California, requested photos and identification records of WALLACE D. FARD, aka and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, aka.

Photographs and Identification records of each subject were furnished to [redacted] Burglary Detail, Orange County Sheriff's Office on 7/27/61.

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b7c [redacted] advised the Sheriff's Office had apprehended a member of the NOI several weeks ago. This individual became obnoxious and unruly. In due course he was transferred from the jail to the county hospital and in turn to a mental institution. [redacted] said that because of this he had decided to do some research into the background of the NOI in order that he might have a better understanding of the problem. He said he directed inquiries to the Los Angeles Police Department concerning the NOI and received what background the Los Angeles Police would make available. He reviewed this material and based on the information developed from it directed his inquiry to the Identification Division for photos and Identification records.

[redacted] said he had no personal knowledge of either FARD or MUHAMMAD and no information as to the location of FARD.

No further action being taken with respect to the Orange County Sheriff's Office inquiry.

MEMORANDUM

Date: 1-18-63

FROM : SA

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Chicago, Illinois
December 12, 1962

A meeting of the Nation of Islam was held at Muhammad's Mosque No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 12, 1962. The meeting was called to order promptly at 8:00 P.M. by Min. JAMES 3X (ANDERSON). He led the group in repeating the Muslim prayer. Min. JAMES commented that the crowd was one of the smallest he could recall opening a meeting for in Mosque No. 2.

He praised Allah and his Messenger, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. He said there are some who question whether or not ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is a true Messenger. He said that this is foolish, because no man could have been transformed as was ELIJAH POOLE an ignorant individual into one of the world's greatest thinkers. He pointed out that it was on July 4, 1930, that God in the person of Master FARD MUHAMMAD first contacted ELIJAH. He said that ELIJAH recalled whispering to the Master, "I know that you are God", and that God answered, "You are right, but you must never disclose my identity." He said that God spent three years teaching him facts never before known by man, and divulged the messages he wanted ELIJAH to deliver to the Lost-Found black people here in the wilderness of North America. He said ELIJAH kept his promise. He also was a good student, and God then designated him to become his Messenger.

Min. JAMES said this proves beyond any question that Allah is the greatest God, and that he is in fact a man. Min. JAMES said that America's greatest intelligence organization, the FBI, did not even recognize Master FARD MUHAMMAD as God.

He stated that God left as mysteriously as he came. He said the FBI has looked for him ever since, but haven't found a trace of him. Min. JAMES said one of the most important things that God taught ELIJAH was that the devil is the white man. He said the white man is a murderer, a cheater, a liar, a rapist, a thief and is always corrupt.

He mentioned the Mayor of Gary (CHACHARIS) as a typical corrupt individual.

He said, "The white man has even stolen the black man's music, and is making millions of dollars from it." He stated that the black man was good, honest, and untainted by evil until he was exposed to evil by the white man. He claimed however that the Messenger is fulfilling his mission and today is cleaning up the black race.

Min. JAMES then played a tape recording of a talk by the Messenger entitled, "Why Not Join Your Own." In this recording the Messenger stated that the black man has every advantage because he is one of God's chosen people. He said all that is necessary is to heed the advice and messages of God, as divulged by him (the Messenger). He said that all of his followers will receive earthly riches while they are alive, while those who follow the Christian religion must wait until they die to be rewarded for being good.

The Messenger said that all animal life of a kind stick together. He asked is it not, therefore, right that black people should stick together. He further pointed out that Japanese, Burmese, Indians, Chinese, and even the devils stick together. He then pled for unity among black people. He declared that the black race is the oldest and the best of all.

At the completion of the playing of the tape, Min. JAMES urged a long and continuous applause.

Min. JAMES commended Bro. HARVEY 4X for being the champion salesman of "Muhammad Speaks." He said that Bro. HARVEY averages 700 papers per week. He also complimented Stud. Min. ROBERT 18X (EDMUNDS) for an article he had written and which appears in the current issue of "Muhammad Speaks".

Min. JAMES urged all members to give freely to charity. He said the Messenger and his family have many expenses. He also urged that all FOI try and sell more than their quota of 300 papers.

He also reminded all members of the dead line for completing their Saviour's Day gifts.

Of the 61 persons present, they were divided as follows: 47 FOI, 8 MGT and 6 men visitors. Only one visitor accepted the invitation to join.

The Minister stated he hoped that cold weather would never again cause such a small attendance. He then turned the meeting over to Lt. ALBERT 8X.

Lt. ALBERT issued a call for all FOI to report at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, December 13, 1962. He said paper sales were lagging and an intensive campaign of selling must be started at once.

The following members were observed:

National Secretary JOHN ALI
Min. JAMES 3X
1st Lt. WALTER 4X
Lt. JOE 3X
Lt. JOHNNY 2X
Lt. ALBERT 8X
Lt. LOUIE 3X
Lt. PHILIP X
Lt. EMMETT X
Lt. JOSEPH 15X
FOI Secretary CLIFTON 2X
Inv. THEODORE 3X
Inv. ARLEE X (STUART)
Inv. NEAL X
Stud. Min. THEODORE 4X
Stud. Min. ROBERT 18X
Membership Sec'y. OSIE
JOSEPH 12X
WILL X
ALVAR X
ANTHONY 2X
ABRAHAM 2X
ABRAHAM 3X
WESLEY 2X
SHERMAN ALLAH
TIMOTHY X
FARD MUHAMMAD
JOHN (85 years)
EDGAR X
JOHN 12X (MULDRON)
WILLIE SPENCER
ROOSEVELT
ALI
HARVEY 4X

DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33633 - Sub B)

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Re Chicago letters to Bureau, dated 2/28/58 and 4/4/58; and Bureau letter to Chicago, dated 4/15/58, entitled "WALLACE DORR FORD, SM - NOI".

In connection with efforts to disrupt and curb growth of the NOI, extensive research has been conducted into various files maintained by this office. Among the files reviewed was that of WALLACE DORR FORD. In this review it was noted there was evidence indicating FORD, or ALLAN as he is known to the NOI, was last seen in September 1933 at which time he, or a person believed to be him, was arrested by the Chicago Police Department; that his former common-law wife stated she had seen him in either the summer of 1932 or 1933, at which time she said he told her he was going to return to New Zealand adding he had always been factual in keeping her advised of his whereabouts since his release from San Quentin in 1929; that on the birth of FORD's son by this woman his, FORD's, birth was listed as New Zealand. It is also noted FORD also claims to have been born on February 25, 1901 in Portland, Oregon, to EARED and BEATRICE FORD who were born in Hawaii. Investigative efforts to verify this were negative.

This review indicated all logical leads within the United States were covered but that leads in New Zealand were not covered.

3 - Bureau (RM)
1 - 100-33642 (WALLACE DORR FORD)
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Chicago, after much consideration, feels it would be appropriate and logical for the Bureau to consider covering leads as set forth in referenced Chicago letters of February 28 and April 15, 1958. It is felt that if the whereabouts of ALLAN could be inconclusively determined, the impact of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and his followers would be tremendous and could well serve to make MUHAMMAD appear ridiculous.

Chicago realizes the leads were, to a degree, unrealistic; however, evidence strongly indicates FORD may have returned to New Zealand and could well be still among the living, as his birth is probably 1891 and not 1877 as the NOI claims.

For information of the Bureau, WALLACE DODD FORD may have used the following names:

FRED DODD, WALLACE DON FORD, W. D. FORD, WALI FARRAD, WALLACE FARAD, W. D. FERAND, WALHI FORD, F. MUHAMMAD - ALI FARRAD MUHAMMAD, MUHAMMAD ALI, "ALLAN", "THE GREAT HANDE".

He was described as follows:

Birth	2/25/91, Portland, Oregon, or New Zealand
Race	White
Height	5'6 2/8" - 5/3"
Weight	125 to 140
Complexion	Dark, swarthy
Eyes	Brown, black
Hair	Black
Build	Slender
Characteristics	Beautiful even teeth; straight nose

SAC, Chicago (100-35635 - Sub B)

March 12, 1963

Director, FBI (25-33097)

**NATION OF ISLAM
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ReC81et 2/19/63 suggesting the Bureau endeavor to determine if Wallace Dodd Ford (generally known as W. F. Ford), was born in New Zealand or if he went to New Zealand when he disappeared in 1934.

A review of Chicago letter 2/2/58 captioned "Wallace Dodd Ford, aka., IS - NOI" (Bufile 100-43640, Chicago file 100-33683), indicates that one Fred Dodd and one Pearl Allen were married on 2/9/14 in Oregon. The date and place of birth of Dodd, who may be identical with Ford, are not indicated in this letter. The Bureau is not in possession of the further results of this phase of the investigation which was conducted by the Portland Office. You should furnish the Bureau with any birth data concerning this individual. Also summarize Portland's investigation in 1958 to locate the whereabouts of Dodd and Pearl Allen.

The Bureau would also like to be advised of any action previously taken to locate Edward Donaldson, Prison Number 15808, who was arrested with Ford in 1936 (see LA letter dated 4/9/58, Chicago file 100-33683) it appears that Donaldson was a business associate of Ford and could possibly furnish pertinent information if his present whereabouts could be determined. For your information, a search by name of the Bureau Identification records on 2/4-5/63 failed to locate any arrest record identifiable with Edward Donaldson. In the event Donaldson's fingerprints are available, a copy should be furnished to the Bureau.

In addition to furnishing the above information, you should not cut any logical leads which should be covered at this time. The Bureau believes that we should make certain all logical leads are covered before submitting any request to New Zealand.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971) DATE: 5/2/63
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635 - Sub B) *✓*
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

Re Bureau letter dated 3/12/63 (copies not sent to Los Angeles or San Francisco).

For information of Los Angeles and San Francisco, WALLACE DODD FORD is "Allah" in the Nation of Islam. He has utilized, or has been referred to, as follows: FRED DODD, WALLACE DON FORD, WALLIE D. FORD, W. D. FARD, WALLI FARRAD, WALLACE FARAD, W. D. FERAUD, WALEI FORD, F. MOHAMMED - ALI, FARRAD MOHAMMAD, MOHAMMED ALI, "ALLAH," "The Great Mahdi." Offices should also be aware MOHAMMED is also spelled MUHAMMAD. Based on information available FORD is described as follows:

Birth	2/25/91 at Portland, Oregon or New Zealand; 2/26/77, Mecca, according to NOI teachings
Race	White
Height	5' 6 3/8" - 5' 8"
Weight	133 to 140 pounds
Complexion	Dark, swarthy
Eyes	Maroon, black

- 3 - Bureau (Encl 4) (RM)
(1 - 105-63642 WALLACE DODD FORD) *✓*
- 3 - Los Angeles (105-2604) (RM)
(1 - 105-4805 WALLACE DODD FORD) *✓*
- 3 - San Francisco (100-51473) (RM)
(1 - 100-43165 WALLACE DODD FORD) *✓*
- 2 - Chicago
(1 - 100-33683 WALLACE DODD FORD) *✓*

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Hair	Black
Build	Slender
Characteristics	Beautiful even teeth; straight nose

Referenced Bureau letter instructed the following investigation be conducted in an effort to locate FORD:

- 1) Furnish the Bureau with details of Portland's investigative efforts to locate background data regarding one FRED DODD who married one PEARL ALLEN in Oregon on May 19, 1914.
- 2) Attempt to locate EDWARD DONALDSON, Folsom Prison Number 15808, who was arrested with FORD in 1926 and who may have been a business associate of FORD and who may be able to furnish pertinent information regarding FORD; to furnish DONALDSON's fingerprints to the Bureau.
- 3) To set out other logical leads which should be covered.

As regards the first lead, Chicago is enclosing for the Bureau the following:

Portland letter to Chicago dated October 29, 1957, entitled "W. D. FARD, SM - NOI;"

Portland letter to Chicago dated December 31, 1957, entitled as above;

Portland letter to Chicago dated January 9, 1958, entitled as above;

Portland letter to Chicago dated March 6, 1958, entitled as above.

As is noted Portland verified the marriage of FRED DODD, a resident of Salem, Marion County, Oregon,

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age about 23, and PEARL ALLEN of Multnomah County, Oregon, on May 9, 1914. Subsequent investigation, which Chicago considers to have been extensive, failed to develop any further leads as regards FRED DODD. It is believed all logical leads were conducted by Portland.

As regards EDWARD DONALDSON, San Francisco letter to the Director dated August 27, 1957, entitled "W. D. FARD, SM - NOI" set forth data regarding the incarceration of WALLIE D. FORD at San Quentin, California, and ascertained that San Quentin records noted "This defendant had in his possession drugs which his partner, Edward Donaldson, offered to sell to police officers for \$225.00."

Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated April 9, 1958, entitled "WALLACE DODD FORD, Was, SM - NOI," a copy of which is in possession of San Francisco, set forth details regarding EDWARD DONALDSON and his arrests.

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In this connection the following leads are set forth:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will review records at the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office in an effort to obtain a fingerprint card

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for EDWARD DONALDSON and forward same to Bureau. Will also conduct appropriate investigation in an attempt to locate DONALDSON for the purpose of interviewing him as regards WALLACE FORD and his present whereabouts.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Will review records of Folsom Prison and the San Francisco Police Department and Sheriff's Office in an effort to obtain a fingerprint card of DONALDSON and forward same to the Bureau. Will also conduct appropriate investigation in an attempt to locate DONALDSON for the purpose of interviewing him as regards WALLACE FORD and his present whereabouts.

As regards other logical leads, Chicago has completely reviewed the file on WALLACE DODD FORD. It is noted that outside of the above, the only other logical lead not covered is as follows:

On October 17, 1957, Mrs. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER, 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, California, who stated she was WALLACE FORD's common-law wife from 1919 to 1921 or 1922 in Los Angeles, advised she last saw WALLACE FORD in 1932, at which time he was driving a 1929 Model A Ford bearing California license plates. At this time Mrs. EVELSIZER stated FORD told her he was going back to New Zealand.

In this connection the following lead is set out:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. Will review automobile registrations covering the years 1932 to 1935 in an effort to determine if WALLACE DODD FORD registered a car in California during those years. If located, logical leads should be set forth in an attempt to locate him.

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For information of Los Angeles and San Francisco, information indicates FORD was last seen in Chicago in 1933, at which time he, or a person believed to be him, was arrested on a minor charge by the Chicago Police Department. This person was not fingerprinted or photographed. It is noted that on January 17, 1958, Mrs. EVELSIZER was interviewed by Bureau agents in Key West, Florida. She stated she could not be sure whether she last saw FORD in 1932 or 1933.

Upon conclusion of the above leads, Chicago will again reconsider, in light of the results, setting forth a request for having appropriate authorities and records in New Zealand contacted as regards FORD.

Office Memorandum
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971) DATE : 6/17/63

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-51473)

RE : NATION OF ISLAM
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Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 5/2/63.

Relet instructed San Francisco to obtain a fingerprint card for EDWARD DONALDSON, former associate of WALLIE D. FARD in Los Angeles, and forward it to the Bureau. Additionally, San Francisco was directed to conduct appropriate investigation in an attempt to locate DONALDSON for interview. 47c

On May 17, 1963, IC [redacted] obtained the [redacted]

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- 3 - Los Angeles (105-2604) (REG.)
 - 1 - 105-4805 - WALLACE DOD FORD
- 3 - Chicago (100-35635 - Sub B) (REG.)
 - 1 - 100-33683 - WALLACE DODD FORD
- 2 - San Francisco (100-51473)
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The following investigation, at Sacramento, California, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] 47c

On May 20, 1963, [REDACTED] State Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that she is unable to locate any automobile registered to WALLACE DODD FORD. She explained that auto registration files are purged in the Department of Motor Vehicles two years after the last registration of any particular automobile.

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The following investigation, at Vacaville, California, was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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No further information of value was shown in this file.

No further investigation is being conducted in the
San Francisco Division.

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FBI

Date: 7/30/63

Transmit the following in _____

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Via A I R T E L

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)
 SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD, aka.
 SM - NOI

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau 5/2/63 captioned "NOI, IS - NOI", setting forth a lead for Los Angeles to review records of the Los Angeles PD and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office regarding an EDWARD DONALDSON.

On 7/29/63 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past provided the following information of interest in the matter of WALLACE DODD FORD the "Allah" of the Nation of Islam (NOI):

An unidentified sister from Los Angeles and ELIJAH MOHAMMED discussed an article which appeared in a Los Angeles daily paper, name and date not mentioned concerning one "FARRAT" (phonetic). MOHAMMED referred to the article as a false report which had been published foolishly by the Los Angeles paper. He added that the FBI knows "FARRAT" is not in Los Angeles or they would have given the information themselves. He referred to a Federal prison being involved and felt that the article referred to a movement other than the Muslims.

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
 - (1 - 25-330971) (NOI)
- 3 - Los Angeles (100-4805)
 - (1 - 105-2604) (NOI)
- 3 - Chicago (100-33683)
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Subsequently on the same date a female by the name of RA--- SIMMONS of the "California Eagle" and ELIJAH MOHAMMED discussed a story which had appeared in the Hearst Newspapers regarding the founder of the Muslims. Their conversation is set forth verbatim as follows:

"E. It is not the picture of Mr. Farard Mohammed.

R. It is not.

E. It is not, I know the other person well, and it is not his age.

R. Not his age. How old is he?

E. It is not Farard Mohammed. He is 86 years old and he was born in the city of Mecca and he is an Arab. This is not an Arab and he speaks 16 different languages.

R. Then the whole story is false.

E. It is completely false.

R. Speaks how many languages.

E. 16 and writes 10.

R. Speaks 16 and writes 10 and you say the story is entirely false.

E. Completely false. We didn't mention of its libel when we give \$100,000 to prove them a liar. To put such a false statement in this paper they can not do it. We will give them a \$100,000 to prove it.

R. To prove it.

E. To prove this man is Mr. Farard Mohammed. Farard Mohammed is an Arab.

R. Do you have a picture of him.

E. I certainly do. I have lots of them.

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R. Could I get one from Minister John.

E. Ah, I could send him one if he does not have one.

R. Think that he has one. If he has one, I could get it from him and you would release it.

E. Yes madam. And I also was with Mr. Farard Mohammed for three years and was with him when he was arrested in Detroit, Michigan, there.

R. Good.

E. Not for no such thing as no murder, they arrested him there because he was teaching us. By the teachings and not for no murder or nothing like that.

R. Was he ever in Los Angeles.

E. Pardon me.

R. Was he ever in Los Angeles?

E. I don't know.

R. The story says that he was here and had a son, do you know.

E. He was not married.

R. Was not married.

E. No, he was not married.

R. Has he ever communicated with you since the early days in the thirties.

E. Since the early days in the thirties.

R. Has he communicated with you since then.

E. Yes.

R. How often.

E. How often. Oh I-I-I don't know, well--

R. Has he appeared in person.

E. No, no.

R. How does he communicate with you?

E. Well, he communicates with me just like I am talking with you. I hear him in my ears, just like I am listening to you.

R. I see.

E. I know him perfectly well and we have pictures of him and if they want to prove this why don't they write and get his picture from the Detroit police Court there or send for it from Washington. And also ask him if that was the man, that they have in their paper today. I don't see why the Federal Government would not have told us time again. We are telling them almost daily who he is. They don't throw stuff as that in our face. This is all just propaganda to try to prevent the so-called American Negro from accepting Islam. That is all it is for as far as I can see.

R. Uh huh. Are you going to sue them.

E. Well, I am not saying.

R. Uh huh. Did Mr. Mohammed ever go to New Zealand or come from New Zealand.

E. Never heard nothing about that. He was an Arab and he came from Mecca. I think the California University, I do remember him saying, well that was about forty years ago I guess now, that he went to the California University out there.

R. Uh huh. That was forty years ago.

E. Forty years ago now, I think or more.

R. Do you know where he is now.

E. Well ah-I would not say if I actually knew.

R. You have not seen him since the thirties have you?

E. Ah the-not since the thirties, not since thirty four, personal.

R. When did you hear from him last?

E. Such times a-a-maybe about-a-a-a few days ago.

R. A few days ago. Did he give you advise.

E. I have communication, like I told you.

R. Uh huh. Did he give you advise on the present struggle in this country?

E. Well-a-ah-a well a-that is well no.

R. Does he give you guidance?

E. He has certainly done that and continue to do so.

R. Does he come to you when you are asleep.

E. No.

R. No, while you are awake.

E. That is right.

R. Did you say that you are offering \$100,000.

E. To prove that -- that this New Zealand ---

R. If they can prove this man is Mr. Mohammed.

E. Mr. Farard Mohammed, that we are following.

R. I see. Okay.

E. I would like to have them to ask do we know anything about D. This is all a lot of propaganda and it is not worth our time to even fool with it. Because I think that the Federal Government would certainly like to know it themselves, if that we the man.

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R. Okay, thank you very much.

E. You are perfectly welcome, goodbye.

R. Goodbye. Thank you."

Los Angeles is requested if not already done so to provide the Bureau and Chicago with newspaper clippings of the original articles appearing in the Hearst Newspapers in this matter. Los Angeles should also alert NOI informants for any pertinent information regarding these articles which might have been discussed at the NOI Temple or by individual members.

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 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)
 SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD, aka
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Re Chicago airtel dated 7/30/63.

On 7/30/63 [REDACTED] 62, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the following additional information regarding an article appearing in a Los Angeles paper concerning the subject:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, in a discussion with Brother Secretary (JOHN ALI), refers to a call from a Los Angeles paper and instructed the Secretary to see about getting a good lawyer who is "one hundred per cent for us" to sue the paper and prove their story. The discussion between the Secretary and MUHAMMAD indicated that ELIJAH was quite riled up about the story and of implications which he stated had the purpose of stopping the black man from believing in Islam.

The above is furnished as additional information for Los Angeles and the Bureau supplemental to the information contained in referenced airtel.

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 1 - 25-330971 (NOI)
 3 - Los Angeles (RM) (100-4805)
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 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 1 - [REDACTED] 67c
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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 5/2/63.

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A review of the microfilm records of the LAPD was reported in the above mentioned letter to the Bureau dated 4/9/58, which had copies designated for Chicago and San Francisco. The microfilm record was reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on 6/11/63, when it was determined that [REDACTED] has the following record [REDACTED]


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DONALDSON was arrested by the LAPD with co-defendant, WALLIE B. FOND, on 2/15/26. DONALDSON's address was set forth as 722 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, and he was described as a 26 year old Indian. Both were charged with violation of the State Prison Act (offering for sale) and they were sentenced to 6 months to 6 years at San Quentin on 3/22/26.



A copy of the fingerprint card maintained by the LAPD was received and it has been exhibited in Los Angeles file 105-2604. It is not deemed necessary to forward this copy to the FBI Identification Division since the San Francisco office, by letter dated 6/17/63 to the Bureau, enclosed 2 copies of fingerprints of DONALDSON which were obtained from the San Francisco Police Department. It is also noted that the Bureau letter dated 7/12/29, to the Warden of Prison, refers to fingerprints submitted by him for DONALDSON.

SGT. HISH-S (Anti-Subversive Detail, LAPD), on 3/14/63, made available the following report:

"FOND, Wallace B.
aka FOND, Wally
FARRAD, Wally
FARRAD, Wally
FARRAD, The Messenger
FOND, Mohammed
The Honorable W. B. FOND
FOND, Fond

"Description:

"Male Caucasian of Irish extraction, DOB February 25, 1891 in New Zealand, 5'7", 150 lbs., black hair and brown eyes.

"Allegations:

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"Subject is the FAND MUHAMMAD who allegedly appeared to ELIJAH POOLE (Muhammad), the leader of the Nation of Islam in 1930. ELIJAH POOLE has been quoted as saying that FAND MUHAMMAD came directly from Allah to touch him (Elijah). ELIJAH further states that FAND has returned to Mecca.

"Information from Los Angeles City Health Dept., Bureau of Vital Statistics:

"Name of child - WALLACE BOND FOND, born September 1, 1940 in the City and County of Los Angeles, Calif. at McDonald Sanatorium, 1521 So. Park St., Los Angeles. Local Registrar's # 7830. Father - WALLACE FOND, 247 So. Flower St. in Los Angeles, white, age 26, born in New Zealand, occupation keeps restaurant. Mother - NARREL BANTON, 247 So. Flower St., Los Angeles, white, age 25, born in New York, occupation, none.

"On July 1, 1940, NARREL FOND EVELKINE petitioned to the Department of Public Health to change the name of her son, WALLACE BOND FOND, to WALLACE NAI FOND, and also changed the occupation from none to housewife. This affidavit was also signed by CLIFFORD EVELKINE of 476 E. 8th St., Los Angeles.

"Information from Los Angeles Police Dept., Criminal Records:

"WALLY B. FOND, LA # 16443, CII # 1737204, FBI # 96062, San Quentin Prison # 42314.

"Subject was first arrested on November 17, 1918 for assault with a deadly weapon. Subject was alleged to have assaulted F. V. GILLIAND of Santa Barbara, Calif., with a pistol and then struck him with his fists. This took place in a restaurant at 603 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles, which was owned and operated by MR. FOND.

"Note: There is a F.V. Gilliland in the Ventura County telephone directory who resides at 751 Vista Del Rincon in Ventura, Calif. Phone Number, Miller 19545. For further information, see arrest reports of subject.

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"On January 20, 1926, subject was arrested for Wright Act possession. (Possession of an alcoholic beverage under the Volstead Act).

"On February 15, 1926, subject was arrested for the State Poison Act, a felony. Location of arrest was 3rd St. and Freeman Place in Los Angeles. At the time of his arrest subject gave his residence address as 722 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles. At this time of arrest, subject stated that his race was Hawaiian and that he was born in Portland, Oregon. Subject was convicted of this offense and sentenced to 0-6 years at San Quentin. Subject served approximately 2 years prior to his release.

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"Information from [REDACTED] (It is requested that this information remain CONFIDENTIAL)"

"The name WALLACE D. FARD and his various aliases were checked with the Michigan Police Headquarters and identification bureau. It was noted that he was arrested on 5/15/33 by the Detroit P.D. and charged with investigation of disorderly person. FARD at that time gave his age as 33 and his color as white. The name on the arrest report is WALLACE D. FARRAR. He gave his address as the TRAYNOR HOTEL, Detroit, Michigan. On May 26, 1933, he was discharged by the superintendent of police at the request of Lieutenant Hoffman of the detective bureau.

"Information from Los Angeles County, Files of the Superior Court:

"File #27328 and 27329

"Defendants WALLY D. FARD and EDWARD DONALDSON charged with violation of the State Poison Act (three counts). Count 1 - Defendant had in his possession a preparation of morphine containing more than one quarter grain of morphine to the avoirdupois ounce. Count 2 - on or about the 14th of February, 1926, he had in his possession a preparation of heroine containing more than one eighth grain of heroine to the avoirdupois ounce. Count 3 - on or about the 14th of

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February, 1926, defendant had in his possession a preparation of cocaine containing more than one quarter grain of cocaine to the average police ounce.

"On the hearing of this act, the following facts appeared in evidence:

"A man by the name of DONALDSON (co-defendant) negotiated with a police officer (without the knowledge of the latter's official position) for the sale to him of certain narcotics. At that time, DONALDSON stated to the police officer that the narcotics which he proposed to sell, were in the possession of FORD. Thereafter, DONALDSON and FORD met the police officer for the purpose of concluding the proposed sale, at which time, after the arrangements for the sale had been fully discussed between the parties, FORD discovered that his prospective customer was a police officer who subsequently arrested both FORD and DONALDSON.

"About three hours later, the police officer and two others visited a certain restaurant owned and operated by FORD. In the rear of the restaurant, a package sealed in a newspaper which contained numerous bottles and vials of narcotics, was found. Before the package was opened, FORD stated that it was 'a bundle of old laundry'. Afterward he admitted to the officers that it was the stuff that he wished to sell.

"Subject was found guilty by a jury on May 14, 1926 and was sentenced to San Quentin as prescribed by law. He was received at San Quentin on June 12, 1926. The sentence was set at four years by the State Board of Prison Directors. Subject was released from custody on May 27, 1930.

"Interview with MRS. HAZEL SWILSTEIN, conducted on February 7, 1953 at approximately 10:00 A.M.:

"MRS. SWILSTEIN stated that she and FORD met in Los Angeles, Calif. in the early 1920's. She stated that they

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lived together for approximately 3 years but were never married. She said that he was very definitely a Caucasian. She first met him at his restaurant which was located at 803 W. 3rd St. She said that during the time they were living together she had occasion to read correspondence which was sent to him in the name of FRED BOND at 803 W. 3rd St. In this correspondence there was a mention of a marriage in Portland, Oregon and of a son which was the result of this marriage. When FRED was arrested, Mrs. EVELAINE met EARL OGDONNE and later married him in Santa Ana, California. Mr. OGDONNE died six months later. Mrs. EVELAINE met CLIFFORD EVELAINE in Los Angeles in the late 1920's when they were both working for the same company. She later went with him to New York and married him on September 18, 1930 in Erie, Pennsylvania.

*Information from Portland, Oregon Police Dept., dated September 11, 1952:

*Portland Oregon Police Department was unable to locate any public records concerning WALLACE B. BOND although they were able to locate the record of marriage between FRED BOND and FRANK ALLAN on May 5, 1914. The witnesses to this marriage were J. D. HUGHES and MARY E. HUGHES. That department states that a thorough investigation was conducted and no further information was found on subject, his wife, births of any children or a record of any witnesses to this marriage.

*Information from Source [REDACTED] 62 63 7

*CLIFFORD O. EVELAINE and MABEL E. EVELAINE, 4776 Oak St., Los Angeles. News item - "Funeral services for Mr. CLIFFORD O. EVELAINE, age 70, at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, in the Little Church of the Flowers - - - born in Bloomington, Illinois, Mr. EVELAINE was playground director for the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department for 14 years. He was a veteran of World War I and had resided in the city for 45 years. He died Sunday at Santa Anita Veterans Hospital."

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"4/12/56, CLIFFORD EVILSNER, SS # 500-14-3760, same home, receiving government pension of \$78.75 a month, receives city pension of \$83 a month, received a Social Security Pension of \$13 a month, same a 1950 Decade, clear.

"Information from Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission, Department of Public and Recreation:

"CLIFFORD O. EVILSNER, born in Bloomington, Ill., on 6/20/1894, was hired by the Department on 8/3/38 as a gardener and caretaker. Maintenance badge # 88. On 12/31/52, he received a disability pension of 75%. His death certificate shows his name as CLIFFORD OLIVER EVILSNER, deceased 2/19/61 at 4:10 A.M. from lung cancer.

"Information from Police Headquarters, Wellington, New Zealand:

"An investigation was conducted by the above source and a search was conducted for WALLACE FORD giving the above aliases. In a letter received December 28, 1960 from that Department, they state that there are very few Maoris in New Zealand using the name of FORD. An inquiry was made of these families and no one of the above name or description was found. The above source could furnish no further information on the subject.

"Information from magazine article, THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY, Vol. XLIII, No. 6, May, 1938, pp 894-907, 'The Violence Gait Among Negro Migrants in Detroit' by MURRAY DOANE BROWN.

"Page 896, 'The Prophet (FORD, Wallace B.).' '...the prophet lived in Detroit from July 4, 1920 until June 10, 1934...' 'His very name is uncertain. He was known usually as Mr. WALL FARRAD or Mr. W. B. FARR, although he used the following names: THOMASER FORD, MR. FARRAD NICHOLSON, MR. F. NICHOLSON ALL. One of the few survivors who heard his first addresses stated that he himself said, 'My name is W. B. FARR and I came from the holy city of Mecca.'"

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"(Page 895). 'The Prophet and founder of the cult made his first appearance among the Negroes of Detroit as a peddler. He first came to our houses selling raincoats and then afterwards silks. This way he could get into the people's houses for every woman was eager to see the nice things the peddlers had for sale. ...we asked him to tell us about our own country. If we ask him to eat with us he would eat whatever we had on the table but after the meal he began to talk: 'How don't eat this food. It's poison for you. The people in your own country do not eat it. Since they eat the right kind of foods they have the best of health at all time. If you would live just like the people in your home country, you would never be sick any more.'"

CSLA 3184-S also made available arrest reports on 8/23/63, for the three LAPD arrests recited in his above report. The report for the 11/17/18 arrest for assault states that witnesses E. A. BENNETT and GILLIPIRANO went into the restaurant at 803 West 3rd Street and ordered a steak and the cook (MR. FORD) (booked as WALLIE FORD) told them they would have to put up a \$2.00 deposit before he would put the steak on. This started an argument and FORD pulled a gun on them. He finally put the gun away and came out from behind the counter and made a swing at GILLIPIRANO. He dodged the blow and backed out on the sidewalk and just as he got to the curb FORD struck at him again; this time GILLIPIRANO slipped off the curb and struck his head on the curb. FORD jumped astride him and grabbed him by the throat and beat his head on the street. Officers went to the restaurant to locate FORD but he had gone and they could not locate his home address. WALLIE FORD was subsequently arrested at 212 South Normandie Street, Los Angeles, and released because the complaining witness would not prosecute.

The report of the 1/26/26 arrest shows he was arrested at 803 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles. An officer went to that address as he had received information that bootlegging was going on in a restaurant there. He told WALLIE B. FORD he wanted to buy some liquor and FORD telephoned an order of 8 pints. FORD was arrested following a sale. The identification sheet dated 1/26/26, contains the following information:

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Name:	WALLIE B. FORD
Address:	803 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, California
Offense:	U.A.P. (male)
Occupation:	Cook
Time in county:	15 years
Time in state:	15 years
Time in U.S.A.:	30 years
Citizen:	Yes
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Sex:	Male
Build:	Medium
Teeth:	Good
Race:	White
Native:	Oregon
Descent:	American
Marital Status:	Married
Markings:	No marks, scars, or amputations visible

Age: 30 years.

The arrest report dated 2/15/26 contains the following information:

Name:	WALLIE B. FORD
Address:	847 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, California
Time in county:	16 years
Time in state:	16 years
Time in U.S.A.:	30 years
Citizen:	Yes
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Sex:	Male
Build:	Medium
Teeth:	Good
Complexion:	Dark

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Age: 30 years
Race: Hawaiian
Native: Oregon
Domicile: Hawaiian

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GSLA 1034-S also made available the reply to a letter dated 7/27/62 which was directed to the Chief Commissioner, State Police, Wellington, New Zealand. The Commissioner wrote on 12/7/62 that all possible inquiries had been made in New Zealand to obtain information on WALLIS B. FORD or PARAD, that the inquiries had not been successful, and that he was attaching the report of Detective [REDACTED]. The report by [REDACTED] reads as follows:

"To: The Chief Detective,
C.I. Branch, Wellington

"Subject: Wallis B. FORD, & Wallis FORD,
& Wallace PARAD - alleged to have
been born in New Zealand on the
25.2.1891 : interview requested
by the Department of Police, Los
Angeles, U.S.A., concerning FORD's
association with a Negro Hate-Group
known as the MUSKIE OF ISLAM.

"I have to report that this file deals with correspondence received at the Commissioner's Office on the 2nd. August, 1962, from the Intelligence Division of the Department of Police, LOS ANGELES, requesting that inquiries be made in New Zealand with a view to locating and interviewing a 'man' known as Wallis B. FORD, alias Wallis FORD, alias Wallace PARAD in connection with his alleged association with a Negro Hate-Group known in the United States of America as the MUSKIE OF ISLAM. Attached to the correspondence in question is a photostat copy of FORD's fingerprints, his 'criminal history' in the United States of America, and a photograph which was apparently taken in Los Angeles in 1931. There was no detailed description of this man supplied.

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"It is revealed in the 'file' that Willie B. FORD founded the Negro Hate-Group in Detroit in 1930; that he married a Hazel BARTON in Los Angeles in 1937 but that they were later divorced. Hazel BARTON was recently interviewed in Los Angeles and she claimed to the authorities that Willie B. FORD was born in New Zealand on the 25th. February, 1891, and that his ancestors were Maori. She also claimed that she last heard of FORD in 1934 when he apparently left Detroit and intimated that he intended returning to New Zealand.

"There is 'no-record' of FORD at the Criminal Registration Section, Headquarters, according to Temp. Det. Sgt. LISSETTE; and similarly at 'Information Section'.

"Inquiries were also made at the office of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, as outlined in my attached report dated 5th. September, 1962, with the result that no definite information was elicited which would confirm that this man was in fact born in New Zealand, or that he may have died in New Zealand after 1934. It is explained however, that FORD could have been born in New Zealand as alleged and the birth not registered, because complete registration of Maori or part Maori births was not commenced until 1951. Another alternative of course is that FORD or PARAD is not his correct name, and I should think that this would be very likely.

"Other inquiries were made through the records of various Passport Offices; the Social Security and Inland Revenue Departments, etc., without avail. A point of note arising here is that FORD or PARAD, if born in New Zealand in 1891, and still living here, would be in receipt of the Age Benefit from the Social Security Department, and the fact that they have no record of such a person indicates that he is not a New Zealander, or that his correct name is not known.

"In the course of these inquiries I spoke to a number of men in Wellington concerned with Maori affairs and welfare. One such person - a Mr. Steve WALKER, of PUKIO informed me of the fact that it is most unusual to discover a

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62 According to GNL 1104-2, the Intelligence Division of the San Francisco Police Department interviewed [REDACTED] however, he was gravely ill, and that department failed to develop any pertinent information. It indicated that it intended to recontact [REDACTED], however, the informant has not heard from that department.

Since the results of the submission of fingerprints to the Identification Division are not known to the Los Angeles office, and it is not known what action has been taken on the information in San Francisco letter dated 6/17/63 indicating DONALDSON was born in San Diego and lived his entire life there, leads to locate DONALDSON are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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67c AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Contact the Intelligence Division, San Francisco Police Department to ascertain the results of their interview with [REDACTED]

Also, consider interviewing [REDACTED] to determine the content of the stories regarding their names and relate the various names used by FORD in order that he may make suggestion regarding FORD's background.

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Re Los Angeles letter to Director, 8/29/63.

42c Relet requested San Francisco to contact the Intelligence Unit, San Francisco Police Department, for results of their interview with [redacted] concerning his knowledge of WALLACE D. FORD, aka., founder of the NOI, and also to consider an interview with [redacted] by this office.

42 It is apparent that the records of CELA 3184-S are in error, inasmuch as inquiry at the Intelligence Unit, San Francisco Police Department, on 9/6/63 reflects this agency has never interviewed [redacted] supra.

42 On 9/6/63, [redacted] advised that the Intelligence Unit, Oakland Police Department, at the request of the Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Unit, made inquiry of [redacted] in late 1962 relative to any knowledge of WALTER D. FORD, aka. a Wellington, New Zealand. Questioning of [redacted] was limited, due to illness and advanced age, and met with negative results.

42 The source reported that the Intelligence Unit, Oakland Police Department, recontacted [redacted] on 9/6/63 and interviewed him extensively regarding FORD. A photograph of FORD was displayed to [redacted] who advised that he is unable to furnish any information of value to this investigation. He was unable to identify the person in the photograph and stated the only FORD family ever known to him in

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 - (1 - 105-63642) (W.D. FORD)
- ③ - Chicago (100-35635) (REG.)
 - ① - 100-33643 (W.D. FORD)
- 2 - Los Angeles (105-2604) (INFO) (REG.)
 - (1 - 105-4895) (W.D. FORD) INFO
- 2 - San Francisco (100-51473)
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67c New Zealand was comprised of two cousins of his, TAU FORD, who died in 1918, and his sister, LENNIE FORD, who is also deceased. As far as [redacted] remembers, TAU FORD never married and had children and although LENNIE FORD married, he cannot recall her married name. [redacted] advised that he is not able to offer any suggestions relative to tracing FORD's presence and activity in New Zealand.

67c 62 [redacted] reported that the results of the re-contact with [redacted] will be furnished to the proper officials at the Los Angeles Police Department.

67c In view of the above, San Francisco feels that an interview with [redacted] would develop no new information regarding FORD and, therefore, will not approach him.

No further action is being taken in this regard at San Francisco.

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Re Chicago letter to Director 2/19/63; Bulet to Chicago 3/12/63; Chicago letter to Director 5/2/63, copies to Los Angeles and San Francisco; Los Angeles letter to the Director 8/29/63, copies to San Francisco and Chicago; San Francisco letters to Director 6/17/63 and 9/10/63, copies to Los Angeles and Chicago.

For the information of the San Diego Office, the following resume of this matter is being set forth.

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 2/19/63 pointed out to the Bureau that WALLACE DODD FORD, or ALLAH, as he is known in the NOI, was last seen in about September of 1933; that FORD's common-law wife, upon interview by Bureau Agents, stated she had last seen him in the summer of 1932 or 1933, at which time he told her he was going to return to New Zealand. Chicago pointed out that all logical leads within the United States had been covered but that leads attempting to locate FORD in New Zealand had not been covered.

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated 3/12/63 suggested action be taken to locate EDWARD DONALDSON, Folsom Prison Number 15808, who was arrested with FORD in 1936. The Bureau pointed out that DONALDSON was a business associate of FORD. The Bureau suggested any other logical leads should be set out.

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 5/2/63 set out leads for Los Angeles to review records at the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office in an effort to obtain a fingerprint card for DONALDSON and to also attempt to locate him for an interview in an effort to locate FORD. Bulet also requested San Francisco to review the Folsom

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- 3 - San Diego (Encl. 2) (REGISTERED)
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- 2 - Chicago
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Prison and the San Francisco Police Department records for the same reason as regards DONALDSON and to also review automobile registrations to determine if FORD registered a car in California during the years 1932-1935, it being noted FORD was driving a car in California in either 1932 or 1933.

Re San Francisco letter to the Director of 6/17/63, a copy of which is being enclosed herewith for San Diego, sets forth information regarding arrests of EDWARD DONALDSON. The letter noted that the Folsom Prison file revealed DONALDSON was born and lived his entire life at San Diego, California; that he was discharged from Folsom Prison on 9/7/34. San Francisco also advised that California Motor Vehicle registrations were negative as regards FORD. The letter also enclosed fingerprint cards on DONALDSON to the Bureau.

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 8/29/63, a copy of which is being forwarded to San Diego, also set forth arrest and background data re DONALDSON, aka EDWARD DONALSON, EDWARD MANN, EDWARD MMAN. This letter also reflects that the Los Angeles Police Department caused an investigation on FORD to be conducted in New Zealand and nothing of pertinence was gained. Set forth below is descriptive data re WALLACE DODD FORD:

He has utilized, or has been referred to, by the following names: FRED DODD, WALLACE DON FORD, WALLIE D. FORD, W. D. FARD, WALI FARRAD, WALLACE FARAD, W. D. FERAUD, WALEI FORD, F. MOHAMMED-ALI, FARRAD MOHAMMAD, MOHAMMED ALI, "ALLAH," "The Great Mahdi." Officers should also be aware MOHAMMED is also spelled MUHAMMAD. Based on information available, FORD is described as follows:

Birth	2/25/91 at Portland, Oregon, or New Zealand; 2/25/77, Mecca, according to NOI teachings
Race	White
Height	5'6 3/8" - 5' 8"
Weight	133 to 140 lbs.
Complexion	Dark, swarthy
Eyes	Maroon, black
Hair	Black
Build	Slender
Characteristic	Beautiful even teeth; straight nose

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The San Diego Office is requested to review indices, credit, criminal and other appropriate records in an effort to locate EDWARD DONALDSON, aka EDWARD DONALSON, EDWARD MANN, EDWARD MNAN. It is noted he was last heard of in September, 1934, and prior to that time had resided all his life in San Diego.

San Diego is also requested to interview DONALDSON, if located, regarding the location of WALLIE D. FORD, his co-defendant on 2/15/26 in Los Angeles, California (See page three of Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 8/29/63). It is noted WALLIE D. FORD and his partner, EDWARD DONALDSON, were arrested in Los Angeles on 2/15/26 on charges of violation of the State Poison Act. Apparently the two men operated a cafe in Los Angeles at that time.

San Diego is further requested to search its indices regarding WALLACE DODD FORD and aliases used by him as set forth above. It is also requested appropriate credit and criminal checks be made.

This is being requested as FORD was last seen in 1932 or 1933 and DONALDSON was released from prison in September, 1934. The possibility exists DONALDSON returned to San Diego and the possibility also exists that FORD may have gone to San Diego in 1932 or 1933 or at a later date.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that Chicago originally intended to set out a lead for New Zealand authorities in an effort to locate ALLAN. It is noted that referenced Los Angeles letter of 8/29/63 reflected the Los Angeles Police Department had already conducted this lead with the New Zealand authorities.

As noted above, all leads outstanding in this matter, other than the ones being set forth for San Diego, have been covered. There appears to be no need to set out further leads for the New Zealand authorities. It appears now that the only logical leads are ones to attempt to locate and interview DONALDSON. Upon the results of the San Diego investigation, Chicago will, if the results offer no logical leads, recommend no further investigative activity in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635 Sub B)

DATE: 11/13/63

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (105-2018) (P)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 10/18/63.

San Diego Office indices were checked against the names EDWARD DONALDSON and WALLACE DODD FORD with all known aliases for both individuals and no pertinent information was located.

On 10/23/63 SA [redacted] checked records of the Merchants Credit Association of San Diego against the names and all known aliases of both FORD and DONALDSON with negative results. On the same date SA [redacted] checked records of the San Diego Police Department and San Diego County Sheriff's Office against the names and all known aliases without developing any pertinent information.

On 10/31/63 [redacted] Bureau of Births and Deaths of the Department of Health, San Diego County, Civic Center, San Diego, checked both birth and death records against the names of DONALDSON and FORD with all known aliases of both men with negative results.

The following informants, all reliable, conversant with matters relating to minority groups in the San Diego area were contacted by SA [redacted] on the dates indicated but were unable to furnish any information regarding FORD and DONALDSON:

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675 Detective [REDACTED] San Diego Police Department, who is a lifetime resident of San Diego and is thoroughly familiar with the Logan Heights section of San Diego which is predominantly populated with minority groups, was contacted on 10/23/63 and again on 10/28/63 and advised that he had not been able to determine any information concerning DONALDSON or FORD.

[REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, San Diego Police Department, checked the indices of the Intelligence Unit with negative results and advised that that unit had no pertinent information on either FORD or DONALDSON.

No further investigation regarding FORD or DONALDSON is contemplated by the San Diego Division.

DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

12/5/63

SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635-Sub B)

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Re Chicago letter, copy to San Diego,
10/18/63, and San Diego letter to Chicago 11/13/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are
two Xerox copies of referenced San Diego letter.

Referenced Chicago letter which concerns itself
with efforts to locate WALLACE DODD FORD the Allah or God
of the NOI, pointed out that the only logical lead left in this
endeavor was to have San Diego cover leads in an effort to
locate EDWARD DONALDSON, who was arrested with FORD in
1926. Chicago pointed out that if investigation in San Diego
was negative, this phase of the investigation would be closed.

As can be noted in referenced San Diego letter
all investigative leads covered by that office met with
negative results.

Accordingly, Chicago is recommending no
further investigation be conducted at this time regarding
WALLACE DODD FORD. UACB, the case on FORD is being
closed.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
 (1 - 105-63642) (WALLACE DODD FORD)
2 - Chicago
 (1 - 100-33683) (WALLACE DODD FORD)

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Chicago, Illinois
August 12, 1964

NATION OF ISLAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

The following organizations have not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and are characterized in later pages:

Nation of Islam
Fruit of Islam
Muslim Girls Training
Muslim Mosque, Inc.
Nation of Islam, Mosque #7,
New York City

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 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)
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Re Chicago airtel to Director, copies to Dallas, Houston, New York, Phoenix, San Antonio, 7/23/64; Buairtel to SAC, Chicago 7/31/64; Chicago airtel and LHM, copies to New York and Philadelphia, 7/23/64.

- 8 - Bureau (Enc. 13) (RM)
 1 - 100-441765 (MUSLIM MOSQUE, INC.)
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 3 - New York (Enc. 3) (105-7809) (RM)
 1 - 100-152759 (MMI)
 1 - 105-8999 (MALCOLM LITTLE)
 2 - Philadelphia (25-26094) (Enc. 2) (RM)
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Boston, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, and Philadelphia are 13, 4, 1, 3, and 2 copies respectively of a LHM setting forth interviews of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 8/4/64.

On 8/4/64, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to the residence of [REDACTED]

62 The door was answered by [REDACTED] who was advised of the identity of the agents and told they would like to talk with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was cordial and invited the agents in. In a few moments [REDACTED] entered the room and the agents identified themselves to him [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] submitted to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

As noted [REDACTED] was in the apartment as was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was told the agents would like to talk to him in private [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] remained in the kitchen and dining area. [REDACTED] was interviewed in private in the living room. It is doubtful the others could hear the conversation.

[REDACTED] was also interviewed.
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During the interview of [REDACTED]
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Mention was also made to him of the fact the

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[REDACTED] didn't enter into the interview but was cordial when seen.

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Attention is directed to the 4 page typewritten document titled [REDACTED]. He offered same to agents for copying but indicated he did hesitate to let same out of his possession adding he had typed it himself. He said he or [REDACTED] would bring it to the Office on 8/6/64 for copying. On 8/5/64, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] stating he wanted to bring in the document. He did this during the afternoon of 8/5/64. He was most cordial at this time and even asked about the qualifications needed to become an agent.

During the interview both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were most cooperative and friendly. They exhibited no animosity and readily answered all questions asked of them with the exception of those about ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's paternity suit. They also stated and emphasized that they would be most willing to talk to the above agents anytime the agents so desired.

The enclosure is being classified as confidential based on the desires of both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to talk to the agents in strictest confidence. It is also anticipated UACB, [REDACTED]

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UACB, Chicago is not at this time instituting an active investigation of [REDACTED]. As stated earlier both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] emphatically stated they would cooperate with the Bureau in any way at any time. It is intended that the group will be followed through reinterviews of both [REDACTED] as well as those sources close to MUHAMMAD's Temple No. 2 who will be in a position to furnish data re NOI reaction to [REDACTED].

In the event information is developed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago will immediately advise the Bureau and institute appropriate investigation.

The Bureau's attention in this regard is also directed to re airtel and LHM of 7/23/64 setting forth data re [REDACTED]

Date 8/7/64

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_____ after being advised of the identity of the Agents and being advised by SA _____ he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in court and that he had the right to legal counsel, voluntarily furnished the following:

believes in Mr. FARD

He started to question whether FARD was, in fact, Allah

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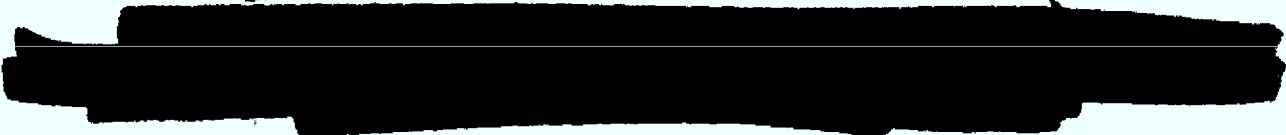



On 8/4/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 100-32090

On SA [redacted] 61 File #
by [redacted] Date dictated 8/7/64

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FARD was a man who was directed by God similar to the
Christians as regards Jesus Christ, not as you would think
of a prophet. He had felt ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was selected
by this man to be his messenger.



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he recalled reading where such might have been the case during World War II. In reading teachings of FARD, as left behind by him, he noted FARD taught that the reward for bringing in the heads of four "devils" would be a button for one's coat lapel. It occurred to him that, at one time, it would have been possible for him to comply with such teachings and to possibly go out and actually try to bring in four such heads.

[REDACTED]

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Regarding the appointment by FARD on ELIJAH MUHAMMAD as his messenger, he recalled that FARD himself wrote that he was the "Messenger of Allah" and in books he left behind when he disappeared, he stated he was sent over here by the "twelve men of Mecca."

FARD FARD had said, "I am God, myself." FARD, admitted he was God. There were no witnesses to FARD. He himself has never seen FARD to his recollection.

Paternity Involvements of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

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after being advised of the identity of the Agents and after being advised by SA [REDACTED] he did not have to make a statement; anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to legal counsel, voluntarily furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]

He no longer believes that all white men are the devil and believes that Allah is the supreme being. He feels that Mr. FARD, [REDACTED] was a prophet or a messenger.

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On 8/4/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 100-36076
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/6/64

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred to
as the Muslim Cult of Islam, Aka.
Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 8, 1964, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 7, 1964, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs. ~~REDACTED~~

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APPENDIX

FRUIT OF ISLAM

On May 8, 1964, a source advised that the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings, and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon." Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and are afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

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MUSLIM GIRLS TRAINING

On May 19, 1960, a source advised that the Muslim Girls Training (MGT) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) and is composed of all female members of the NOI. The MGT is similar in structure to the Fruit of Islam (FOI), which is composed of male members of the NOI, in that the MGT has officers similar to military organizations to whom other female members are accountable. MGT members receive instructions in homemaking, hygiene, calisthenics, and other subjects such as Muslim history and the English language. There also exists a Junior MGT, which is composed of female members of the NOI who are between the ages of 15 and 19 and who are afforded military-type drill.

Since 1957, various officers and "sisters" of the MGT have, at meetings of the MGT, used the term MGT so that it also means General Civilization Class. General Civilization Class refers to classes conducted within the MGT,

The above refers to activities of the MGT at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2., 5335 South Greenwood, Chicago, Illinois.

On May 7, 1964, another source advised that the MGT is a group within the NOI which is composed of all female members of the NOI. The MGT is similar in structure to the FOI, which is composed of male members of the NOI. In theory, the MGT exists in all Temples of the NOI and is patterned after the MGT at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, Chicago. General Civilization Class refers to the collective group of classes held within the MGT.

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MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and Minister of NOI Mosque #7, New York, who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in times of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals". The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

During an appearance over KYW - Television, Cleveland, Ohio, on April 7, 1964, MALCOLM X stated that the MMI does not stand for integration, but for complete freedom, justice, and equality for Negroes. He stated that Islam was the religious philosophy of the MMI, while the political, economic and social philosophy was black nationalism.

On May 15, 1964, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York City, where they were established on March 16, 1964.

NATION OF ISLAM, MOSQUE #7,
NEW YORK CITY

On May 3, 1963, a source advised that the Nation of Islam (NOI) affiliate in New York City is known as Mosque #7, also known as Temple #7, and is located at 102 West 116th Street, New York City. Mosque #7 is a part of the NOI headed by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Mosque #7 follows the policies and programs as set forth by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

The date Mosque #7 originated in New York City is not known.

However, in connection with the origin of Mosque #7, it should be noted that in 1953, a second source advised that there was a temple of the NOI (known to source then as the Muslim Cult of Islam) in New York City located at 135th Street and Seventh Avenue, as far back as 1947.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Chicago, Illinois
August 12, 1964

Title	NATION OF ISLAM
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI
Reference	memorandum of Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-51473)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

DATE: 6/24/65

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The information set forth hereinafter was made available on the dates indicated by [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

May 31, 1965

[REDACTED] spoke of the trouble they had been having with the boys. She stated [REDACTED] would be 17 in July of this year and he had graduated from high school and plans to go to college. She added [REDACTED] tells them they have to be in by 10:00. She added [REDACTED] does not talk to the boys at all and if he wants to say anything to [REDACTED] he tells her and asks her to tell him. [REDACTED] continued that [REDACTED] comes over to the house and holds his Daddy's hand (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD) when he should be home talking to his children. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] would be 16 in July, [REDACTED] would be 15 in December, another one would be 13 in February and there were also two younger ones.

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- 1 - Atlanta (100- [REDACTED]) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Buffalo (105-468) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Detroit (100- [REDACTED]) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Louisville (100- [REDACTED]) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New Haven (100- [REDACTED]) (Info) (RM)
- 8 - Chicago
 - (1 - 100-6989) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 - (1 - [REDACTED])
 - (1 - [REDACTED])
 - (1 - [REDACTED])
 - (1 - 100-33683) (ADJAH)
 - (1 - 100- [REDACTED])
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June 1, 1965

[REDACTED] of Atlanta) was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and stated he was told he should get the material in. MUHAMMAD replied: I have studied that material from every angle. You know at one time I have not thought of many things, with the other party that I have not with you, and what would be the aftermath in the future. We are making history and I don't want anything to go down in history that the scholars and scientists of Islam can laugh at me and this would cause them to laugh at me. Because I am already out here with them and every wish I am battling with them and they have everything anyway. And this particular special thing would just only be in accord with our whole affair that I have here. And I gave them total history to put in the library in New York and they have everything in that. They want to make a book and I guess they are on it now. That has been 8 or 9 months ago and they want to put all of this in a book and have it so people can read it in the library. And this is what I have done, and I am writing every week to my followers in the world and they have it. And I have in their magazine once or twice and I would not care to do so.

Nothing further of pertinence was developed from the above.

June 1, 1965

[REDACTED] told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD that a man apparently CASSIUS CLAY was on his way back over there. MUHAMMAD stated he wanted CLAY by his side until he was straight on one course or another.

June 3, 1965

[REDACTED] in speaking about taking medicine stated she had recalled that "God himself" had had his

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tonsils taken out and had gone to the hospital when he had gotten food poisoning and she then felt they should take care of themselves and take the medicine as told to.

June 3, 1965

[REDACTED] (of Hartford, Connecticut) tearfully told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD she had been out of the Mosque for 90 days since she was separated from her husband and when she tried to go back to the Mosque on this date they would not let her in. MUHAMMAD stated he would look into the matter with [REDACTED]

June 4, 1965

[REDACTED] in San Francisco, California, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and asked if there had been any word on his case. MUHAMMAD stated he had been too busy to listen to the tape. [REDACTED] replied that his family and himself were starving to death. MUHAMMAD instructed [REDACTED] to keep going until he could find a place where he could make progress. He instructed [REDACTED] to talk to [REDACTED] and added he could help [REDACTED]

June 4, 1965

Brother Minister [REDACTED] of Detroit, told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD the date was open out there for August 8 and MUHAMMAD told him to go ahead and take it. [REDACTED] also added he had been asked to go to Buffalo on the 13th. MUHAMMAD gave approval.

No further details was given.

June 5, 1965

WESLEY SOUTH (moderator of the program "Hot Line" which appears on radio station WVON in Chicago) was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and MUHAMMAD stated he had a

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number of questions he would like to have SOUTH ask him on his program. MUHAMMAD stated he would prepare the questions and answers and have the two of them on the program and the public could then ask the questions and he could answer them later. MUHAMMAD stated he would contact SOUTH when he was ready.

TO : SAC, CH. JAGO
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-7809)
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Mass Meeting Held at Muhammad's

Mosque, Brooklyn, NY, on 4/7/68

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1 - [REDACTED] (INV) (CI) [REDACTED]

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Mass Meeting
Muhammad's Mosque
120 Madison Street
Brooklyn, New York
4/7/68

This was not like a regular Sunday afternoon meeting. This was a mass meeting of all the Mosques in New York City, held at the Brooklyn Mosque at 2:00 PM, Sunday afternoon. About one thousand were present. About four hundred were visitors. MOHAMMAD ALI was the guest speaker. After MOHAMMAD spoke, Minister FARRAKHAN spoke. He stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING died because he had no vision. He was a brother and I'm not against him, but the Bible told him the white man is our enemy. I do not get mad at a white man because of what he does because I know it is his nature to be unrighteous. There was no need for Mr. KING to die if he had vision.

The Brooklyn Mosque was so packed with visitors that mostly all of the Muslims were in a part of the Sony Ballroom where speakers were put up so they could hear the speaker. After all visitors were dismissed, a meeting was held for Muslims only, but all could not attend for they were selling dinners in the Sony Ballroom and also MOHAMMAD ALI was there signing autographs. Some brothers were there to keep everything orderly - ADAM 4X, EDWARD 30X, THOMAS 26X, CURTIS 3X. Two brothers were on Minister Security - LEROY 22X and another brother. These brothers and a few others did not attend the mass meeting.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 6/2/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 62

SUBJECT: WALLACE D. FORD, AKA
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RE: NOTION OF ISLAM
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Date 7/17/74

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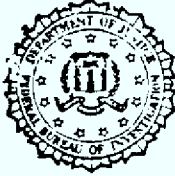
Remarks: Chicago should promptly forward communication suitable for dissemination containing pertinent information from file review regarding Wallace Farad, founder of NOI.

As is possible, attempt to limit information in this communication to public source type data; however, provide data clearly portraying Farad, as known, as well as the current NOI status.

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Chicago, Illinois 60604

August 12, 1974

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The July 23, 1963, issue of the Los Angeles, California Herald-Examiner, a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, contained the following newspaper articles:

"Black Muslim Founder Exposed
As A White"

"Dodd served time in Quentin as dope peddler.

"Black Muslims by the thousands pay homage to Wallace Farad, their "Prophet from Mecca," in the mistaken belief that as founder of the black supremacy cult he is one of their own.

"It was Farad who composed the tenets of the Black Muslim faith. He is the "holy man and divine person" who must be remembered in one or more of the Black Muslims' seven daily prayers.

"Yet Wallace Farad is, admittedly, an enterprising, racketeering fake.

"He is not a Negro. He is a white man masquerading as a Negro.

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"His true name is Wallace Dodd.

"He was born in New Zealand, on February 26, 1891.

"His father was British - arriving in New Zealand via Australia on a sailing schooner. His mother was a Polynesian native.

"Dodd's police "rap sheet" includes a conviction for bootlegging and a San Quentin Prison term for the sale of narcotics.

"To the FBI he is No. 56062 - and a man of many aliases. The California Bureau of Identification and Investigation lists him as Wallace Ford, No. 1797924. At San Quentin, as Ford, he was No. 42314. With the Michigan State Police he is Wallace Farad, No. 98076.

"Although the names and numbers vary, the fingerprints are always the same, be it Los Angeles, San Quentin, or Detroit, birthplace of the Black Muslim movement.

"A huge doctored portrait of Dodd, alias Farad, adorns the wall behind the desk of Elijah Muhammad, present titular head of the Black Muslim cult.

"Elijah Muhammad, (true name Elijah Poole, alias Gulan Bogans, 65-year old native of Georgia) in referring to Farad as a holy man and a divine person, observes:

"He is God himself. He is the one we have been looking forth for the past 2000 years to come. He is the one and his word bears witness to the fact that he is the one."

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"Asked if he personally knew Farad, Elijah Muhammad said that he did. He volunteered that, although Farad had gone back to Mecca, he was in constant touch with him spiritually, pending his return.

"Indeed Elijah knows Farad. He first met him on a street corner in Detroit in 1931.

"At that time Dodd, under the alias Ford (the names Fard and Farad came later), was a turban-wearing, door-to-door silk salesman).

"Abandons Family

"Dodd arrived in the United States from New Zealand in 1913 and settled in Portland, Oregon. He married, but soon abandoned his wife and infant son.

"He lingered in the Seattle area, under the name of Fred Dodd, for a few months before going to Los Angeles. There he opened a restaurant at 803 West Third St. under the name of Wallace D. Ford.

"At 26, Dodd took as his common-law wife a 25-year-old waitress employe who on September 1, 1920, bore him a son, Wallace Dodd Ford.

"On the son's birth certificate, Dodd listed himself as "white" and a native of New Zealand.

"(In 1940 the boy's mother, aware of Dodd's identity and his role as founder of the Black Muslims, had her son's name changed legally from Wallace Dodd Ford to Wallace Max Ford. Two years later the youth drowned while in the service of the U.S. Coast Guard).

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"Muslim Founder Admits:

'I'm a Fake'

"Under the alias Wallace D. Ford, Dodd was arrested for bootlegging in January, 1926. Once more he identified himself for the record as a member of the white race. He drew a brief jail sentence.

"On June 12, 1926, Dodd, under the alias of Ford, was sentenced to San Quentin Prison for the sale of narcotics over his restaurant counter. He drew a term of from six months to six years.

"Released from San Quentin on May 27, 1929, he paused briefly in Los Angeles before walking out on his common-law wife and son. Dodd made his way to Chicago and then to Detroit to become a Bible-toting itinerant peddler of silks.

"Dodd posed as a Negro and prided himself as something of a Biblical authority and mathematician. He had a tremendous gift for gab and soon attracted a depression-following of Negroes.

"Dodd had no difficulty in convincing his followers they were descendants of the original man, that their forebears were of Islam and that they were Allah's chosen people.

"A Good Racket

"Realizing he had a good thing going, Dodd began emphasizing Islam and black supremacy. Gradually he turned away from the Bible, eventually denouncing it outright through interpretations twisted to suit his

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purpose. He adopted the Koran as his cult's official religion text. He established a temple and conducted classes.

"During this period he met Elijah Poole, whom he eventually ordained as minister of the Black Muslim faith under the name of Elijah Muhammad, "Apostle of Allah."

"By now Dodd was passing himself off as The Savior, born in the Holy City of Mecca. He claimed to have arrived in America on July 4, 1930.

"To excite interest among his followers and gain new adherents, Dodd published a crudely printed tract, the preface of which reads:

"This book teaches the Lost Found Nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our miserable state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our Savior, W. D. Fard."

"The fly leaf reads: "By Prophet W. D. Fard."

"The book poses such problems as these:

'A sheep contains 14 square feet. One-tenth of a square inch contains 10,000 hairs. How many will the 14 square feet contain? \$15.50 for the person who works this problem. (Qualified Members Only).

"Through contributions and expanding commercial endeavors, including the sale of "official" note paper, Dodd had what constituted a tidy financial racket.

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"Detroit Ousted 'Him
For Human Sacrifice

"A Sacrifice

"But the potential dangerousness and the primitive instincts of some of his followers became evident on November 21, 1932, with an act of human sacrifice which rocked the populace of Detroit.

"Cult member Robert Harris induced member John J. Smith to present himself as a human sacrifice so that he might become "The Saviour of the World" Harris plunged a knife into Smith's heart as he lay prone on an improvised altar.

"To their dismay, police learned that two additional members were slated as volunteer victims of sacrifice. That marked the beginning of the end for Dodd.

"He was arrested by Detroit police on May 25, 1933, under the name of Wallace Don Fard, alias W. D. Fard, Prophet W. D. Fard, W. D. Foard, Wallace Farad, Wali Farrad, Professor Ford, Farrad Mohammed and F. Mohammed Ali, founder of the Nation of Islam.

"The official report cites Dodd as being "the leader of a Voo-Doo cult with the following of several thousand Negro men and women."

"It states that Dodd admitted his teachings "were strictly a racket" and that he was "getting all the money out of it he could".

"Dodd was ordered out of Detroit.

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"According to his former common-law wife, Dodd went from there to Chicago and became a traveling salesman for a mail order tailor.

"Working his way through the Midwest, Dodd arrived in Los Angeles in the spring of 1934.

"White Robes

"He was driving a new car and was garbed in flowing white robes.

"Dodd's attempt at a reconciliation with his wife failed. He remained for two weeks, visiting daily with his son, to whom he had been sending sizable sums of money from time to time.

"Finally he sold his car and boarded a ship for New Zealand with the announcement he was going back to visit his relatives, including an uncle who had paid the fare for his trip to America in 1913.

"Thus the revered holy man to whom Black Muslims pray and whose February 26 birthday marks the opening of each annual convention of the black supremacy cult, returned to the land of his birth - as close to Mecca as he has ever been.

"Says Elijah Muhammad of Farad's prophesied return from Mecca:

"He is just waiting for his proper time to deliver speeches."

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In response to the above newspaper article, the August 16, 1953 issue of Muhammad Speaks, a newspaper published by the NOI contained the following newspaper article written by Elijah Muhammad, leader of the NOI.

"Beware of Phony Claims

"I, Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, told the Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" Office on Monday, July 29, 1963, that my followers and I will pay the Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" Newspaper \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) to prove the headline charge ("Black Muslim Founder Exposed As A White") made against us; that we are following one Wallace Dodd with many aliases including the name, Fard; that he is the man that I am representing to my people as being Master Fard Muhammad (Allah in Person) who appeared among us in Detroit, Michigan, in 1931 and is the same person (Wallace Dodd).

"The Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" also printed his prison history in San Quentin Federal Penitentiary on a charge of peddling dope, and that he admitted he was teaching us.

"If he (Dodd) was teaching for money in those panic days in Detroit, he did not get it from us. Mr. Dodd, undoubtedly, must have been teaching the white people if he received any money at all, because we did not have any.

"We did not pay Mr. Fard any money to teach us and there are many who will verify this statement who are yet alive. We could hardly pay the rent of a hall in those days.

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"Sometimes they (the Believers) would give Him (Master Fard Muhammad) gifts such as topcoats, overcoats, ties, shirts, or a few packages of handkerchiefs - but money was so scarce in those days that we just did not have any. Just about everyone who believes was on the "Relief" in Detroit including myself.

"Muhammad, Followers Will Pay \$100,000 -
If Paper Can Prove Charge!

"I would like the Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" to prove that this man (Dodd) was my teacher by bringing him to this country at our expense.

"Mr. Wallace Fard Muhammad, Whom Praises are due forever, the Finder and Life-Giver to we, the Lost Found Members of that Great Asiatic Black Nation from the Tribe of Shabazz, speaks 16 different languages. Can Mr. Wallace Dodd speak 16 different languages?

"Mr. Wallace Fard Muhammad also writes 10 of the languages He speaks fluently. His native language is Arabic (Does Mr. Dodd speak Arabic?) of which we have in His handwriting and it is the best writing or penmanship in the Arab world.

"Let Mr. Dodd prove that he was among us; prove that he gave us our names. Let Mr. Dodd prove who was his secretary and where were the identification cards printed, of which we have with us today and did he write the Arabic on them himself?

"If Mr. Dodd was The Mr. Wallace Fard Muhammad, why did not the F.B.I. arrest him for this teaching of truth? Let this paper prove these things before it headlines us as liars and worshippers of white devils.

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"I would like to ask the Herald-Examiner to give us a minute closeup of this fake (Mr. Dodd) who they would like to make the public believe is our Saviour. Even the description of this man's height and weight does not correspond to Master Fard Muhammad's, (to Whom Praises are due forever) measurements. I know His height, His weight, the size of clothes and shoes.

"When Master Fard Muhammad left us, it was in 1934. Again, let Mr. Dodd prove that he and I were together and that the lessons that I am teaching to my followers are from him, and where were they given to me and did he ever examine me on what he gave me, and where?

"There are many questions that I could ask this Mr. Dodd about, that would prove to the world that this man is a fake that the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner has published. We believe this by the reasoning of such unfounded truth.

"Let the Herald-Examiner Newspaper put us in contact with this Mr. Wallace Dodd. We will show the world that the entire statement is false; that this Mr. Wallace Dodd is not Master Fard Muhammad, To Whom Praises are due forever.

"I have warned you against allowing the devils to trick you into believing their false propaganda which they are spreading all over the world. And especially among the so-called Negroes who have been the perfect model-slaves for 400 years and yet do not have freedom, justice, and equality from the slave masters.

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"And now these smart, scientific tricksters are trying to prevent them from enjoying a permanent salvation that Allah, (God) under the name of Master Fard Muhammad to Whom all Praises are due, has offered us.

"We who believe in him are a living proof of this offer that we are now being blessed with, even though we are afflicted with persecution and death.

"You have those whom the Prophets prophesied of in Washington and in Rome (the Catholics) to deceive the whole world and especially the so-called Negroes. Look in your poison book, the Bible: Revelation 12:9- 13:4, 8, 14- 14:11-20:10- and 21:8.

The Nation of Islam (NOI) is an all-black nationwide organization headquartered at Muhammad's Temple 2, 7351 South Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under the guidance of Elijah Muhammad, self-styled "Messenger of Allah" and alleged divinely appointed leader of the black race in the United States. Its purpose is separation of the black man from the "devil" (white race) through establishment of a black nation. Followers are instructed to obey the laws of the land if they do not conflict with NOI laws and not to carry weapons but are to defend NOI officials, their property, women and themselves if attacked at all costs and are to take weapons away from their attackers and use same on the attacker.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI(25-330971)

DATE: 8/12/74

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-5375)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)-
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Re Legat Manilla letter to Director dated 7/1/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned and titled as above.

A review of Chicago files indicate that the newspaper article enclosed in referenced letter is based on July 28, 1963 newspaper article in the Los Angeles, California Herald-Examiner. That newspaper article is set out in the enclosed LHM. Also set out is ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's answer to that newspaper article.

As the Bureau is aware, efforts were made in 1963 to verify the birth and identity of WALLACE FARAD or WALLACE DODD, these attempts met with negative results.

As it appears that the enclosed article in the Manila letter is based on these newspaper articles, UACB, Chicago conducting no further investigation in this matter.

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Chicago, Illinois
March 1, 1976

The Annual Muslim Convention was held by Muhammad's Temple 2, Chicago, on February 29, 1976. Attendance at Temple 2 was about 1,100.

Naim Akbar acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Louis Farrarhan, National Spokesman, spoke on his travels to Jamaica, Honduras, Africa, Trinidad, and Barbados. He urged those listening to throw away the prejudice, color, racism, and hangups and come walk to the light.

Minister Allah Basheeba from New York City was supposed to speak by satellite, but they could not get him through.

Naim Akbar spoke on the struggle in the Nation of Islam for 46 years. He said they were today reaching people by hookup in 80 major cities and 50 hookups in prison.

A film on the Fruit of Islam was shown. It took about ten minutes.

Angelo Shabazz, Minister of Prisons from Chicago spoke briefly stating he had been preaching in prisons and during the last 12 months had covered 180 prisons.

A film was shown on the Muslim Women Development Class.

Sister Ameenah Aquah (ph), who is over the women in prison program of the NOI spoke briefly.

A film was then shown on business enterprises operated by Muhammad's Temple 2.

Dr. Abdul Salaam, President of Businesses, spoke on on creative evaluation.

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Minister Abdul from New York City, who is Minister for Spanish speaking people spoke on the history of the Spanish speaking people until Chief Minister Wallace D. Muhammad taught them about Islam.

Naim Akbar introduced WallaD. Muhammad who spoke on the subject "Self Government in New World." In essence he stated -

They are broke. Elijah Muhammad left them 4½ million dollars in debt. He did this because if he had left a lot of money to them the "niggers" would have been taking vacations, etc., and come back with nothing. Elijah Muhammad did not leave \$80,000,000. Elijah Muhammad did not know how to keep a business out of debt.

Kevin 2X Dixon is going to take care of taxes for the Nation.

Raymond Sharrieff has been removed as Chief Captain of the FOI and is the Captain of Justice. The Chief Captain is Elijah Muhammad II.

If another Temple wants to be established in the NOI, they will have to sign up for 1 to 5 years or 5 to 10 years.

They are opening up a business in Trinidad, something like a shopping mall.

"Bitalian News" fell off but is now back up to 500,000 copies weekly.

If you are a Minister, you will remove yourself from the businesses.

You don't have W.D. Fard or Elijah Muhammad. They are gone. Wallace is alive.

They have gone to some black churches and are going into more. He hopes the churches will come with them..

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They have bought lots at 73rd and Stoney Island to make playgrounds. If the FOI molests the kids on the playgrounds, they will have to answer to him.

He spoke briefly of the history of the struggle of the NOI in Detroit and Chicago.

They went by satellite to the West Coast for a report from Los Angeles.

Wallace made no mention of threats on his life.

There were no incidents observed.

Wallace also stated that when they go to prisons teaching and giving classes and prisoners agree to follow, when the prisoners come out on parole, that in selected instances the parolees will be put in custody of the NOI.

Wallace also commented W.D. Fard was alive and he had his phone number and can talk to him.

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On 2/29/76, source orally advised: The National Secretary or President is from Los Angeles. Wallace D. Muhammad stated: Raymond Sharrieff is in charge of education. They are involved with Orthodox Moslems and the Christian Society too. They are going to coordinate with law officials freely. W. D. Fard was just a man, as was Elijah Muhammad. There is no such thing as God on Earth. He has met with groups with "Tams on their head and they are just dummies. He is teaching blacks how to understand themselves. There were no incidents. Attendance at the Auditorium approximated 1000. Convention aired by closed circuit to Auditorium Theater, Arie Crown Theater, Lillard Theater.

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February 29, 1976
Chicago, Illinois

On February 29, 1976, the Muslims Annual Savior's Day Convention was held at Outlet Auditorium at 50 East Congress, on closed circuit television. The following persons spoke.

Louis Farrakann Minister, Temple No. 7 New York National spokesman. His theme of speech, the getting together of Blacks under Islam to get ahead in life.

Another minister name unknown introduced all other speakers but was said to be the minister who spoke at different jails all over America and that this television program was being carried to every major city in America and so different lab jails also. He also showed a slide of different muslim business and children, that introduced the National Secretary and President a Abdul Kream, who spoke about muslims joining up, with different organizations such, N.A.A.C.P., Push, and any other group that was sincere in helping or black, brothers and sisters that they had formed different groups three in all, to go out in the fields, who had been sitting and listening to Elijah, now we have made teachers out of them. And wanted more mechanics, teachers, lawyers, etc. Even if you can't spell or write we want you, and you can't be refused you'll find a place believe me.

Then a Puerto Rican Minister spoke from New York. Then Wallace D. Muhammad was introduced and spoke as follows. He gave muslim financial report, saying that contrary to popular belief, some of the papers had misprinted that we muslims were worth about 75 million dollars. This is not true in fact as of January of 1974 we were 9½ million in debt, but we are coming out of today we're only 4½ million in rears. Thereafter or shortly before his father took sick, there was wholesale mismanagement, in the whole system. So from now on there will be a special committee, thats been sat up to handle them an all ministers will not interfere, or they will no longer be ministers, that his father lost his health and life trying to run them by himself. But they became so large and confusing and none of the people we had, were't equipped to run them. so we had to seek outside help, that he was properly the only person in the world, but his father taught him something, that his father planned it this way, not to leave a

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lot of money, so that these loose, excuse, my expression, but loose hand niggers, would steal everything in sight, go on vacation and there would not be a dam thing left when they came back that he had appointed his brother Elijah, Jr., Muhammad Supreme Captain. That William Fard was alive and that he had his telephone number and had and could talk to him any time he planned, was alive and doing fine plus getting around pretty good. That we needed 18 months to put the whole Muslim program on a paying basis. Not to get rich, we've not here for that but to get out of the red. He talked about Jacob Crafeted Devils, that ~~B~~Blacks were the original man etc., and dismissed the meeting.

Observed on closed circuit television:

Captain Raymond Sharreiff
Min. Samuells (Indiana)
Muhammad Ali
Min. James Shabazz

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February 29, 1976
Chicago, Illinois

On February 29, 1976, Savior's Day at the Auditorium 50 East Congress on closed circuit T.V.

Min. Louis Farrakann spoke saying the Black man must unite together under Islam thats the only way we will get ahead and on our feet.

Another Min. told how many different places you could see todays meeting. Also in the jails. He also showed pictures of the Temple Business and children. Then the National Secretary and President Abdul Kream talked about Muslims helping other groups that are trying the help the Black man set ahead so they don't do it just they way you think but so good will come out of it. Also brothers and sisters that Elijah had taught how were teaching and how many more Bros. and sisters that are needed in all walks of life there is a place for everyone. Then a Puerto Rican Min. from N.Y. spoke.

Next Wallace D. Muhammad saying he would give a financial report he s.m. said many people think we are rich this is not true in fact we have been in the red since 1974, about 9½ million today its only about 4½ million behind. They got behind just before or after Elijah got sick. Every was taking money for what they wanted to do with it. Now it will be different we have set up a committee that will put a stop to this. The Ministers will have nothing to do with this or they will not be ministers. He said that Elijah had runed his health and lost his life trying to build a do by himself. But things got so big that the people couldn't handle it, so now we have outside help that would know how to take care of things. He said Elijah had taught him not to leave a lot of money around so that people would take it. Also he had made Elijah Jr., Supreme Captain also Fard was still alive and could talk to him anytime and that Fard was doing good. Then he talked about Jacob making the devile and the original man.

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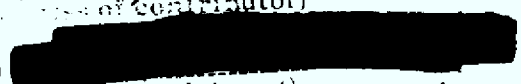


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unanimous decision voided the Georgia debt law. The *Elberton* (Georgia) *Star* had complained that the "two worthy citizens" of Georgia would be railroaded in a "Negrophile locality" like Chicago. The "worthy citizens" did at last engineer a change of venue, and a benevolent Georgia court soon exonerated them.

CHAPTER XIII

BELOVED AND SCATTERED MILLIONS

ON A WINDY DAY late in March 1916 a young Negro from Jamaica, destined some years afterward to captivate hundreds of thousands of his racial brethren with his proud assertion that he was a "full blooded black man," made an inconspicuous entry into New York Harlem. Marcus Garvey was not prepossessing at first glance. He was short and squat, with a heavy head set close to his shoulders. He had been in correspondence with Booker T. Washington on problems of common interest to them both, and Washington, it is said, had urged him to come to the United States. But now Washington was dead at Tuskegee, and Garvey was alone and all but penniless in a strange land. Previously, he had worked in London for Fuse Mohammed Effenidi, half-Negro and half-Egyptian writer and scholar. Garvey must have derived some of his "Africa for the Africans" philosophy from Effenidi.

It is said that Garvey had been denied admittance to Wolmer College in Jamaica because of the darkness of his skin, the impression being that only upper-class and light lined mulattoes were eligible. The caste system of Jamaica, with the light skinned mulattoes at the top of the heap, incensed him, and he resolved never to apologize for his color, but to glory in it.

In London, however, he found it possible to attend classes at the University of London. After leaving Fuse Mohammed Effenidi employ, he worked his way around the world. Everywhere he saw his people in subjection and poverty. He said:

I read *Up from Slavery* by Booker T. Washington, and then my doom—if I may call it—of being a race leader dawned upon me. . . . I asked: "Where is the black man's government? Where is his king and his kingdom? Where is his president, his country, and his ambassador, his army, his navy, his men of big affairs?" I could not find them. I declared: "I will help to make them."

Garvey came home to Jamaica in 1914, began the publication of a paper, and established the Universal Negro Improvement Association, the purpose of which was to "take Africa, organize it, develop it, arm it, and make it the defender of Negroes the world over." In 1915 Garvey made a short trip to New York to explore the possibilities of expanding the influence of his association, but immediately encountered the hostility of Negro leaders such as Robert Russa Moten, who had succeeded Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee, and W. E. B. Du Bois, influential Negro scholar and editor of the *Crisis*. Discouraged, he returned to Jamaica, but decided to fight it out with his adversaries in the United States. In 1916 he was back.

Four years passed before Garvey, as president-general of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, issued his eloquent call to "The Beloved and Scattered Millions of the Negro Race." One of the association's principal projects was to incorporate a Black Star steamship line for the dual purpose of returning race leaders and American Negroes to their homeland and of opening commercial relations with the African continent. Garvey contended that Negro scholars, scientists, and industrialists should match wits on Africa's soil with white interlopers and thus regain supremacy.

Return of Negroes to their homeland was not new as a proposed solution to the racial question of color. Both white men and black men, slave and free, had often advocated it, for various reasons. As early as 1800 the Legislature of Virginia, alarmed at Gabriel Prosser's abortive slave rebellion, had authorized the governor of the state to confer with the President of the United States on the possibility of colonization of indentured "dangerous to the peace of society." Free men of color were increasing in number, and, in the opinion of the slaveholders, setting a bad example for Negroes still in bondage. Their insubordination and independent attitudes were irksome to those in power and authority, and it was thought

that they would be much less dangerous if settled at a safe distance in Africa. From time to time slaveowners were assailed by qualms of conscience or became convinced that the institution of slavery was economically unsound, and released their bondsmen. Usually, the owners preferred that those freed be sent as far away as possible.

Thomas Jefferson in 1811 indicated his belief in the desirability of settling American Negroes on the coast of Africa, and in 1814 wrote a letter to Governor Edward Coles of Illinois in which he discussed colonization of Negroes in the West Indies, and particularly in the Negro republic of Santo Domingo. Jefferson was convinced that members of the colored race eventually would drive all white people from the Caribbean Islands.

British foes of the slave traffic, such as William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, and Granville Sharp, took practical steps toward colonization in Africa, and it was mainly due to their effort that four hundred Negroes, principally soldiers and sailors who had fought on the British side in the Revolutionary War, and sixty Europeans were settled on the Sierra Leone peninsula in 1787. The Europeans have been described as "mostly women of abandoned character," white prostitutes rounded up in the slums of English cities and deported by force—or given a choice between deportation as mates for the Negro colonists and prison sentences. Some fugitive slaves who had sought refuge in London were included in the number, and these were joined later by freed slaves from Canada and the West Indies.

Paul Cuffee, a New England Negro sailor who had attained some wealth and had embraced the Quaker faith, was the first American to supplement theory with action. In 1815 he sent, at his own expense, thirty-eight Negro colonists to Africa. Cuffee's feat is believed to have inspired the formation of the American Colonization Society in 1816, with Henry Clay and Francis Scott Key as officers. This organization established settlements which were bound together in the independent Republic of Liberia in 1847. Joseph Jenkins Roberts, an ex-slave, arrived in the colony in 1829, assembled and trained a force of militiamen, and was appointed governor in 1841. Upon the establishment of the republic, Roberts became its first president.

The colonization scheme was opposed by various forces. Not

slaveowners were willing to part with their black chattels, the colonization enthusiasts dared not compel free Negroes to leave the United States in the face of the abolitionists' rising protest against the expatriation. Most free men of color were as firmly rooted in the national life of America as any other citizens, and they called mass indignation meetings throughout the North in opposition to the African venture. A majority of the emigrants, therefore, were manumitted slaves who had no choice in the matter, or masters for one reason or another desiring to be rid of them.

The British had freed their West Indian slaves in 1838, and there followed considerable emigration to Haiti, Trinidad, and British Guiana. Despite the general unpopularity and seeming ineffectuality of the American Colonization Society, interest in colonization did not die. In 1852 a convolve of Negro leaders took up the problem of emigration and divided into three factions favoring respectively Niger Valley in Africa, Central America, and Haiti. Martin Delaney, foremost proponent of the first group, journeyed to Africa, and negotiated agreements with eight African kings to accept American Negroes. The Haiti faction is credited with directing two thousand settlers to that country, but only a third of them established permanent residence.

The Civil War halted all emigration or even consideration of it for a time. Abraham Lincoln had entertained the idea of sending freedmen to Liberia, but little official action in that direction actually was taken. A legend persists among poor whites of the South to the effect that Lincoln would have had all the Negroes out of the country had he been permitted to live.

The American Colonization Society celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1867, and announced that it had dispatched during that period one hundred and forty seven ships carrying nearly 6000 African colonists. Free born among these numbered about 100, while approximately 6000 had been freed on condition that they go to Liberia. A minority of three hundred and forty-four had freed themselves by self-purchase. The society was not the only one sending colonists to Africa. The Maryland State Colonization Society in 1831 had founded the "Maryland in Africa" colony, which maintained its independence until 1858, when it was incorporated in the governmental structure of Liberia as Maryland

County. The Maryland State Colonization Society had transported 1,221 colonists while the United States Government had returned to their native land 6,772 Africans who had been smuggled into America, depositing them in Liberia.

The bark *Azor*, chartered by the Liberia Exodus Association, set sail from Charleston, South Carolina, on April 22, 1878, with two hundred and fifty passengers bound for the Negro republic.

Their destination was Bopora, near Monrovia, the capital city. Bopora had been founded by a freedman from Charleston, whose reported success story was in the tradition later to be made famous by Horatio Alger. Coming to Liberia penniless, this colonist, it was said, had soon acquired a flourishing plantation bringing him a clear income of three thousand dollars each year. The Liberian Congress had granted the head of each emigrant family aboard the *Azor* a free grant of twenty-five acres of land with the privilege of occupying as much more as he desired at fifty cents per acre.

Negroes had good reason to get out of the South as the Democrats returned to power. Some of the freedmen, who saw ominous portents of a return to slavery just as onerous as that of ante-bellum days, answered the call of "Pap" Singleton, and headed for Kansas. Others, sick of it all, thought of Africa feeling some nostalgic urge for that hot, rich land with its copper sun, luscious fruits, and bright green vegetation.

Before long charges of swindling were being brought against some of the emigration societies, and no doubt some of them were justified. The fees were not excessive—could not be, for the prospective emigrants would have found it impossible to raise large amounts. The Emigration Society of Raleigh collected from each of seven hundred Negro families (averaging six people to the family) the sum of twenty-five dollars. It was expected that further aid would be forthcoming from benevolent societies formed for the purpose of aiding emigrants. Atlanta newspapers complained in January 1891 that two thousand Negroes from Texas and Mississippi, induced by the United States and Congo National Emigration Steamship Company to set out for Savannah and thence to Liberia, were stranded in the city. It was in the midst of a cold snap, and the municipality was forced to feed and shelter the hungry and shivering emigrants. No arrangements had been made in At-

anta for transportation to Savannah or beyond, and many of the respective colonists loudly cried that they had been swindled, since each one had paid such a small sum and most of the victims were penniless, it was impossible to interest any lawyer in taking the matter to court.

Bishop H. M. Turner of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who had been commissioned by President Lincoln as the first Negro chaplain in the United States Army, became convinced that segregation of a large number of Negroes in Africa would be the best immediate step toward solution of his people's troubles after reaction and Ku Kluxism had displaced the military administrators and "carpetbaggers."

Bishop Turner came to Chicago in 1893 to observe Colored American Day at the World's Columbian Exposition. Here he made a speech advocating emigration to Liberia, and was opposed by Frederick Douglass.

The *New York Press* observed on April 14, 1893:

"Africa for the Negro" is being re-echoed in the South. No good can come of this emigration. Nothing is said of the fevers and famine to be met on African shores. Douglass' call to stand up in America and fight as a clearer note than Turner's cry to run away to an unknown land. American Negroes should become Americans.

The Colored Emigration and Commercial Convention, meeting at Chattanooga, Tennessee, in May 1902, passed a resolution requesting Congress to appropriate \$200,000,000 for the purpose of colonizing Negroes desiring to quit the United States. Bishop Turner was named as "the leading spirit in the movement." By this time, however, colonizing schemes attracted but faint interest. Negroes dissatisfied in the South usually preferred to try the portion of the United States north of Mason and Dixon's line rather than a foreign land. The call of Africa became dimmer and dimmer.

Marcus Garvey was determined to reawaken the cry of "Africa for the Africans" and to hurl it farther and more challengingly than anyone else ever had. Once he got his Black Star steamship line going, his task would be simplified. The ships, manned by all-Negro crews, would take to African shores cargoes of repatriated

Negroes and machinery with which to build the homeland into a self-sufficient empire. They'd return with the exotic natural products of the fabulously rich Dark Continent: ivory, mahogany, rubber, spices, gold and bronze art objects wrought by native craftsmen. But all this took a lot of money for pump priming.

Garvey would not permit white people to buy stock in his enterprises. And rather than seek capital from wealthy Negroes, of whom there were few, he appealed to the masses for small investments. These responded so enthusiastically that he found a movement on his hands. His glorification of the color black, as evidenced by his demands for a Black House as well as a White House, Black Cross nurses, et cetera, fostered intense nationalistic feeling and revived the "Back-to-Africa" movement on a scale never remotely approached by other evangels of the idea.

Garvey established the *Negro World* as a house organ for the UNIA. The weekly eventually attained a circulation of 75,000 or more.

The first international convention of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, held in New York City on August 1, 1900, was climaxed by a huge public meeting in Madison Square Garden. The delegates, "representatives of Negroes in all parts of the world," proclaimed their determination to elect "a world leader and a Negro leader of the United States and a provisional president of Africa," and also demanded "a constitution and bill of rights in the nation of the Negro."

It must not be supposed, however, that Garvey's course was all smooth sailing. Negroes from the South did not get along any too well with West Indians in Harlem. The Southerners were enraged by the islander's air of superiority, his pride in his status as a British subject, and his propensity for "talking a good fight." The islanders, on their part, made no bones about expressing their disdain for the crude outlanders. Garvey increased his handicap by assailing mulattoes and all Negroes with even a small amount of white blood in their veins. He had erroneously supposed that the West Indian caste system, regulated by lightness of skin, with Negroes just a shade darker than white at the apex and in the favored position, was an issue in the United States too.

American Negroes in Harlem soon dubbed Garvey's followers

monkey chasers," and began composing satirical ditties about the back-to-Africa movement such as:

*When I get on the other side,
I'll buy myself a mango,
Grab myself a monkey gal
And do the monkey tango.*

Of the leader himself the skeptical Harlemites sang

*Garvey, Garvey is a big man
To take his folks to monkey land.
If he does, I'm sure I can
Stay right here with Uncle Sam.*

Nevertheless, all of Garvey's seeds of discontent did not fall on any soil. The North had not fulfilled the legend about it that had prevailed throughout the South. Prevalent segregation and violence attended the Negro seeker of life. Garvey's attractive word paintings of a bright future in the African homeland might prove as delusive as "Pap" Singleton's idealization of Kansas or the Chicago *Defender's* enticing picture of the big city by Lake Michigan, but it was something to think about anyhow. There *must* be a place *somewhere!*

Garvey's vituperative tongue rallied and united against him a group of influential enemies. Du Bois battled with the genteel weapons of reason and logic, giving the crusading Jamaican credit for sincerity and capacity for leadership, but disputing his views on economics and his advocacy of a return to Africa as a solution for the American Negro's problems. Others, such as A. Philip Randolph and Chandler Owen, editors of the *Messenger*, took issue with the combative Jamaican on his own ground.

"Mindsill of Jamaican society" and "Supreme Negro Jamaican class" were two of the epithets hurled at Garvey by the *Messenger*, and Robert W. Brown, writing in that magazine in March 1917, described the leader of the UNIA as "tall, stout, stocky, fat, and sleek with prominent nose and heavy jaw, small, bright, eagle-like eyes, and rather soft, fluffy voice. Boastful, egotistic, tyrannical, intolerant . . . [and] an able advertiser, . . . promising ever, but never fulfilling . . . a lover of pomp, tawdry finery, and

garish display . . . a sheer opportunist and a demagogic charlatan."

As with many another spellbinder whose effectiveness rests upon the skill of his oral delivery, Garvey's pronouncements always sounded much better than they read. His recipe for personal success was a very orthodox one, expressed in this admonition to his followers:

"Ask Rockefeller where he came from, ask Carnegie where he came from, ask Henry Ford where he came from, and they will tell you that they came from the lowly places of life, they started with the dollar and then made the ten dollars and then the thousand dollars and, after, the millions.

"Man, do not beg and remain idle, but borrow a dollar or beg a dollar and start your career today. Buy a handful of newspapers and sell them, buy a few heads of cabbages and start to become a merchant, buy a few oranges from the dollar and later on you will be buying barrels. Why? take a dollar and invest in bananas and sell them at a profit. Do not eat up all your capital and your profit on the first day. Let every day be like the day before, and then you will find how quickly you are ascending the ladder of commerce, to be probably one of its captains."

It was not hard for such an astute economist and sociologist as Du Bois to point out serious defects in the various organizations set up as adjuncts of the UNIA, such as the African Communities League, the Black Star Steamship Line, and the Negro Factories Corporation. Du Bois pointed out, accurately enough, that the only concrete achievement of the latter organization was visible in a few grocery stores, a laundry or two, and a printing press. All of these enterprises soon failed.

The Black Star Line was equally unsuccessful. The *Yarmouth* bought for \$140,000 and rechristened the *Frederick Douglass*, was impounded for debt after three unprofitable trips to the West Indies and sold under the auctioneer's hammer for \$1,625. The *Antonio Maceo*, formerly an ocean-going yacht, ran up a repair bill of \$70,000 or \$80,000—far more than its original cost of \$60,000. Its ultimate fate is shrouded in mystery—supposition being that it was either wrecked or seized for debt in Cuba. The *Shalyside* made several excursion trips up the Hudson to the accompaniment of great fan-

re, the resulting propaganda being the principal benefit accruing. The palpable failure of Garvey's grandiose schemes had a deflating effect on the enthusiasm of followers who had been charmed by his verbiage. In addition, he made some incautious references which could indicate at least left-handed endorsement of the Ku Klux Klan's argument that the United States should be made "a white man's country." Garvey's point, of course, was that Negroes should pull out for Africa and leave the white men to run the country as they pleased, but this distinction was too fine for Southern Negroes, who had occasion to resent any sort of approval of the Klan.

One of Garvey's first major defeats was administered in Chicago, one of his towers of strength. The issue of West Indian versus United States Negro was practically non-existent in Chicago, and there were very few migrants from the South who were growing more and more disgruntled with their lot in the promised Paradise of the North. By 1900 UNIA membership in the city was said to total 7,500, while branches flourished in East St. Louis, Springfield, Mounds, Alton, Cairo, and other Illinois localities. William H. Wallace, later a state senator, gave up a thriving bakery business to head the Chicago movement.

When Robert S. Abbott, publisher and editor of the *Defender*, took up the cudgels against Garvey and his organization, the man from Jamaica was not a little perturbed. Abbott was easily his equal in the art of invective and in rough-and-tumble debate.

When Garvey bought the dilapidated *Yanmouch* and advertised it as the first vessel of the Black Star Line, the *Defender* made a sarcastic comparison to a similar ship purchased by a predecessor of Garvey, "Chief Sam" of Kansas, whose plans for setting up an independent kingdom in Africa had gone awry—some said because of the antagonism of the British toward the venture, others alleging that "Chief Sam" was a fraud who had collected huge sums solely for his own enjoyment. Garvey held to the latter viewpoint, and filed a libel suit against Abbott demanding a million dollars as compensation for damage to his character. Though he won a moral victory and finally was awarded one cent, Garvey was obliged to pay the court expenses.

Before the case was decided Garvey announced his intention of

invading Chicago. It was October 1919, less than four months after the race riot which had gone so far toward disillusioning refugees from Dixie with the New Canaan. It seemed a propitious time for Garvey to appear with his Back-to-Africa appeals. Once again the black Ishmaels were yearning toward a "better place" somewhere. Garvey rented the Tenth Regiment Armory and from its platform denounced Abbott more vigorously than before. At the close of the meeting he was arrested for selling stock in the Black Star Steamship Line in violation of the Illinois Blue Sky Law, which governed the sale of stock certificates and shares. Garvey later claimed that the arrest had been engineered by Abbott, who, he said, had arranged to have a Negro detective in the guise of a prospective investor insist upon purchasing stock from none other than the leader of the UNIA, in order to incriminate him. Released on bond, Garvey departed from the city, never to return. "Abbott has always through rivalry and jealousy been opposed to me," said Garvey later, "and especially through my not being born in America and my criticism of his dangerous newspaper policy of always advising the race to lighten its skin and straighten out its hair which was kinky."

Trouble continued to hound Garvey. In 1922 he was indicted on a charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of stock in the Black Star Steamship Line. He conducted his own defense, having no confidence in Negro attorneys and scornful to employ a white one. After litigation lasting a year, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Garvey obtained bail, and by appeals delayed the execution of sentence until 1925. In the meantime, he had formed the Black Cross Navigation Company and bought the S.S. *General G. D. Davis*, which he renamed the *Booker T. Washington*, in memory of the great leader at Tuskegee who had expressed interest in his early plans. Like his predecessors, the *Booker T. Washington* was dogged by ill luck. Putting in at a Cuban port, it was seized for debt. Nearly twenty years later a World War II Liberty merchant ship was named for the Sage of Tuskegee, and commanded by a Negro captain, H. H. Mulzac. Ironically enough, the name of Robert S. Abbott, Garvey's nemesis, was bestowed upon another. But, Garvey would have retorted, even though these ships might be manned and officered by Negroes, they still did not belong to them or to the Negro race. With

romary flamboyance, he addressed his followers in an editorial, "I Should Die in Atlanta," published in the *Negro World*:

Look for me in the whirlwind or the song of the storm, look for me around you, for with God's grace I shall come and bring with me the countless millions of black slaves who have died in America and the West Indies and the millions in Africa to aid you in the fight for liberty, freedom, and life.

After serving two years of his sentence, Garvey was pardoned and deported to Jamaica. Without its leader the UNIA floundered and died uncertainly, was rent by schisms and dissensions. Enterprising organizers and local leaders seized the opportunity to promote various schemes of their own.

Two years before Garvey's indictment there appeared in Chicago a white man named R. D. Jones, reputed to have been an organizer of the UNIA in East St. Louis. With the assistance of a Negro, Oliver Cleveland Redding, who claimed to be a native of Abyssinia, Jones organized the Abyssinian Movement. Since one of its principal aims—according to its literature and speakers—was to facilitate the return of Negroes to Africa (specifically to Ethiopia), not a few of the converts believed the two organizations were identical.

On Sunday, June 20, 1920, Redding, astride a white horse and clad in what was supposed to be the costume of an Abyssinian prince, appeared on East Thirty-fifth Street, leading a parade of his followers. At Prairie Avenue the procession halted while Redding propped an American flag, poured either liquor or gasoline over it, and set it afire. A Negro policeman rushed up to remonstrate, and was shot down by one of the "Abyssinians." In the ensuing riot a white sailor and a white shopkeeper were killed.

The police later rounded up Jones, Redding, and six other leaders. Redding and another Negro subsequently were hanged. Jones tried to save himself by giving information about the movement. Redding, he said, had not confined his propaganda activities to Chicago, but had visited several other cities, handing out blanks which, when filled out, would procure membership in the Star Order of Ethiopia. He identified the signer as an "Ethiopian Missionary to Abyssinia." The signer expressed his loyalty to the "mother country," and re-

nounced the name of Negro, given him against his will by a race other than his own. A subtle bait was embodied in the clause expressing the new member's willingness to proceed to Ethiopia to fill any position for which he might be qualified. Most of the positions represented as being open were important and lucrative ones.

During the trial Redding comported himself with a great deal more dignity than his white confederate, and resolutely and unrepentantly addressed the court:

My mission is marked in the Bible. Even if they have captured me, some other leaders will rise up and lead the Ethiopian back to Africa. The Bible says, "So shall the King of Assyria lead away the Egyptian prisoners and the Ethiopian captives, young and old . . . to the shame of Egypt." The Ethiopians do not belong here and should be taken back to their own country. Their time was up in 1919. They came in 1619. The Bible has pointed out that they were to appear in three hundred years. The time is up. The burning of the flag last Sunday night by me was a symbol that Abyssinians are not wanted in this country. That was the sign the Bible spoke of.

In 1925, as Garvey paced up and down his newly occupied cell in Atlanta, a small Negro wearing a flaming red fez similar to those worn by Turks appeared in empty lots and on street corners of Chicago's South Side to proclaim a startling new doctrine. He was Noble Drew Ali (born Timothy Drew in North Carolina), Prophet of Islam, and founder of the Moorish-American Science Temple. Little is known of Drew Ali's early history. He is reputed to have been an expressman in Newark, New Jersey, where he is said to have founded the first Moorish-American Science Temple as early as 1913. There is also some evidence to indicate that he had established branches of his cult in Pittsburgh and Detroit before he came to Chicago.

Drew's main contention was that the people commonly known in America as Negroes are of Moorish descent and thus Asiatics. He also insisted that they were not black at all, but olive-hued. Act six of his *Divine Constitution and By-Laws* reads:

With us all members must declare their nationality and their Divine Creed that they may know that they are a part and partial [*sic*] of this said government and that they are not Negroes, Colored Folks, Black

ple, or Ethiopians, because these names were given to slaves, by slaveholders, in 1779 and lasted until 1845 during the time of slavery, but this new era of time now, and all men must proclaim their free national identity to be recognized by the government in which they live and the nations of the earth, this is the reason why Allah the Great God of the universe ordained Noble Drew Ali, the prophet, to redeem his people in their sinful ways. The Moorish Americans are the descendants of the ancient Moabites who inhabited the North Western and South Western shores of Africa.

Prophet Noble Drew Ali did not immediately rally many disciples under his banner, the Moorish star and crescent on a field of red. But he persisted, and at length was able to set up permanent headquarters. Though semi-literate, he possessed an eloquent tongue, a persuasive manner, and a native shrewdness which enabled him to sway the poor unlettered people who listened to him. Most of them remembered the race riots of 1919, all of them had experienced discrimination and other wrongs. Drew Ali was offering them pride of race and dignity. In 1927 a successful convention encouraged Drew Ali to extend his proselytizing activities to other cities. It is difficult to ascertain just how many temples resulted, but those in Pittsburgh, Detroit, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Charleston (West Virginia), Chicago, and Youngstown are fairly well authenticated.

Noble Drew Ali had written and published his *Koran*, a slim pamphlet consisting of a curious mixture of the Mohammedan holy book of the same name, the Christian Bible, the words of Marcus Garvey, and episodes of the life of Jesus—the whole bound together with the prophet's own pronouncements and interpretations. Garvey was glorified at every meeting as the John the Baptist of the movement. The prophet began to do a profitable business in various nostrums. Through his charms he had concocted—among them Old Moorish Healing, Moorish Purifier Bath Compound, and Moorish Herb Tea for Human Ailments.

More and more "Asiatics" flocked to the star and crescent standard. They flaunted their fezzes on the street and treated the white man with undisguised contempt. Many of them affected formidable-looking beards. Drew Ali announced that each devout Moorish American must carry a card bearing his credentials and his real (or fictitious) name, signed by the prophet with his seal. Often enough

"slave" names were transformed into "real" ones by the simple addition of "F!" or "Bey," these being titles signifying Moorish dignity. The membership card and button, when displayed to Europeans, would convince them that the bearer was enlightened and a member of an organization to be feared and respected.

To the prophet this theory of new-found independence had been a more or less purely ethical or theoretical point, and he had not reckoned on its practical effect among his zealous followers. Alarming reports of street brawls, threats, insults, and minor violence centering around Moorish-Americans were brought to his notice. Members were accosting the white enemy on the streets, showing their membership cards and buttons, and proclaiming in the name of the prophet, Noble Drew Ali, that they had been freed of "European" domination.

Recalling the downfall of the militant Abyssinians and contemplating the current difficulties of the Garvey movement, Drew Ali issued this ukase:

I hereby warn all Moors that they must cease from all radical or agitating speeches while on their jobs, or in their homes, or on the streets. Stop flashing your cards before Europeans as this only causes confusion. We did not come to cause confusion, our work is to uplift the nation.

The increase in dues-paying members (estimates have placed the peak as high as 10,000 in Chicago alone) as well as the other rewards of temple leadership attracted a number of converts eager to be cut in on the benefits. Drew Ali, on the other hand, began to be hampered by his lack of formal education as the business affairs of the cult became more complicated. He enlisted the aid of several men who proved to be more cunning than scrupulous.

Drew Ali's leadership was soon contested. In 1929 he became embroiled in a quarrel with Sheik Claude Greene, small-time politician and former butler of the philanthropist, Julius Rosenwald. One day Drew arrived at his office to find that Greene had moved all the furniture outside and declared himself the grand sheik. A civil war ensued, each faction enlisting support from temples in other cities. Greene was shot and stabbed to death in his offices at the Unity Club on the night of March 15, 1929.

Drew Ali was arrested as he sat with his wife and a group of 15

owers celebrating (authorities charge!) the murder of his rival. The prophet, from prison, issued a message to his flock:

TO THE HEADS OF ALL TEMPLES, ISLAM

I, your prophet, do hereby and now write you a letter as a warning and appeal to your good judgment for the present and the future. Though ~~now~~ now in custody for you and the cause, it is all right and it is well for all who still believe in me and my father, God. I have redeemed all of you and you shall be saved, all of you, even me. I go to bat Monday, day 20, before the Grand Jury. If you are with me, be there. Hold on and keep faith, and great shall be your reward. Remember my laws and love ye one another. Prefer not a stranger to your brother. Love and truth and my peace I leave you all.

Peace from

Your Prophet

NORRIS DREW ALI

This proved to be Drew Ali's final official proclamation. Released on bond, he died under mysterious circumstances a few weeks later. One theory is that he succumbed to injuries inflicted by the police during his imprisonment, another is that he was set upon by partisans Greene and beaten so severely that he never recovered.

After Drew Ali's death the prophet's attorney attempted unsuccessfully to hold the group together. Each among several of the prophet's disciples announced that he alone was the rightful inheritor of Drew Ali's leadership—each established a little temple of his own. More than one sought to lend additional weight to his claim by professing to be the reincarnation of the prophet.

The following quotations from a sermon by a minister of the Chicago Temple of Islam outline certain primary beliefs of the sect, founded in Detroit sometime before 1920 by a Negro peddler:

The Asiatic black man is the original man, the ruler of the universe, eight inhabited planets and of this planet earth. Islam is the true religion. A religion which can be proved by mathematics in a limit of time. The Moslems have the wisdom. We're not afraid of the devil, this so-called white man. We talk right up to them. They're afraid of you if you've got the Truth. Just tell 'em, "White man, you're a devil. You were freed from the original black man." He'll say, "Yes, you're right." He'll quit it 'cause you got the power. Just say, "You're a beast, you've got the third animal blood." He won't deny it, 'cause it's true. When they

were driven from the Holy City of Mecca, they lived in the caves of Europe and mingled with the beasts.

Christianity is the religion of the so-called white man. Have you ever noticed that the very things he teaches us that the devil does is the very things *he* is doing? *He* is the devil!

"I am W. D. Fard," the peddler told those whom he sought to proselytize, "and I came from the Holy City of Mecca. More about myself I will not tell you yet, for the time has not yet come. I am your brother. You have not yet seen me in my royal robes."

He proclaimed that his mission was to secure "freedom, justice, and equality" for his "uncle" living in the "wilderness of North America, surrounded and robbed completely by the cave man." "The uncle of W. D. Fard" became a symbolical term for all Negroes of North America, while the white man was referred to as "a cave man," a "satan," or "Caucasian devil." Sometimes he would be called familiarly or contemptuously a "cavy" or "common ca."

Though Fard maintained that he was racially identical to North American Negroes, he was said to have been born in Mecca, the son of a wealthy member of the tribe of Koreish of which the Prophet Mohammed was a member. He was reputed to have been educated in England, or at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles; to have been trained for a diplomatic career in the service of the Kingdom of Hejaz. He has been described as light-colored, with an oriental cast of countenance.

Fard at times in his apocryphal career used various other names, among them Walli Farrad, Professor Ford, Farrad Mohammed, Mohammed Ali, and even the God Allah. He peddled silks and rain coats from door to door in "Paradise Valley," the Negro neighborhood of Detroit. One of his converts said of him:

"He has told us that the silks he carried were the same kind that our people used in their home country, Arabia, and that he had come from there. So we all asked him to tell us about our own country. If we asked him to eat with us, he would eat whatever we had on the table, but after the meal he would begin to talk:

"Now don't eat this food. It is poison to you. The people in your own country do not eat it. Since they eat the right kind of food they have the best health all the time. If you would live just like the people in your home country, you would never be sick any more. So we wanted him to tell us more about ourselves and about our

home country and about how we could be free from rheumatism, aches, and pains."

Fard began to arrange meetings in the homes of those willing to listen to him, and before long had gathered a small but devoted band of followers. His denunciations of the "white devil and his so-called spook civilization" became more and more virulent. His condemnation extended to the Christian religion, though he sometimes quoted from the Bible. In his *Secret Ritual of the Nation of Islam*, Part 2, Sec. II, Fard declared:

"Me and my people . . . have tried this so-called mystery God for bread, clothing, and a home. And we have received nothing but hard times, hunger, naked, and out of doors. Also was beat and killed by the ones that advocated that kind of God."

Most of Fard's converts had recently arrived from the South, and were inclined to agree with his contentions. Challar Sharrieff, formerly Charles Peoples, tells of hearing the prophet explain:

"The Bible tells you that the sun rises and sets. That is not so. The sun stands still. All your lives you have been thinking that the earth ever moved. Stand and look toward the sun and know that it is the earth you are standing on which is moving."

"Up to that day," says Sharrieff, "I always went to the Baptist church. After I heard the sermon from the prophet, I was turned round completely. When I went home and heard that dinner was ready, I said:

"I don't want to eat dinner. I just want to go back to the meetings. I wouldn't eat my meals, but I goes back that night and I goes every meeting after that. Just to think that the sun above me never moved at all and that the earth we are on was doing all the moving. That changed everything for me."

The Negroes of Detroit could see all about them justification for Fard's accusations against the white man and his civilization. As the depression tightened its grip, numbers of them were laid off while white men were retained. In other instances, Negroes of long service were replaced by white newcomers. "Hard times, hunger, naked, and out of doors" assumed an immediate significance for the "original sick men." When they were obliged to apply for public assistance, Negroes keenly felt the humiliation attached. It was not hard to convince them that they were the objects of special discrimination. Fard and his rapidly increasing band of disciples made considerable

hay in the Negro community. It has been estimated that eight thousand Detroit Negroes joined the cult during its first four years.

After Fard had succeeded in establishing permanent headquarters in the first Temple of Islam, he "registered" all the members, giving them "righteous" names to replace the "slave" names forced upon them by the "Caucasian devil." To obtain his "original" or "righteous" name, the applicant for membership in the Temple was required to write a letter to Fard (later to his successors) asking that he be rid of his "slave" name. While waiting for his "righteous" name, the acolyte was designated by a simple "X." It was assumed that Fard (or his successor) knew the member's "righteous" name by virtue of the spirit of Allah within him. There were complications, however. At one time the prophet gave different surnames to three brothers. When confronted with this discrepancy, Fard explained that he had divined that the three new members were of different percentage.

The rapid growth of the first temple in Detroit was accompanied by the establishment of various subsidiary organizations. Chief of these was the University of Islam, to which the children of Detroit "Moslem" families were sent rather than to the public schools. At the university they were taught the so-called "knowledge of our own" as distinct from that of the "civilization of the Caucasian devil." Courses were given in "higher mathematics," astronomy, and what was termed "the general knowledge and ending of the spook civilization." All this specialized knowledge was deemed necessary to combat the "tricknology" learned by the "Caucasian devils" in the schools. The "higher mathematics" consisted of a variety of "problems" usually embodying a symbolical meaning and involving astronomical sums containing a dizzying number of digits. Several of these problems were read at each meeting of the cult as well as in classes of the University of Islam.

One problem reads:

"A lion, in a cage, walks back and forth sixty feet per minute, seeking a way out of the cage. It took him nearly four centuries to find the door. Now, with modern equipment, he is walking three thousand feet per minute and he has three thousand miles by two thousand miles to go yet.

"How long will it take him to cover this territory of said three

At one time the attendance officers of the Board of Education of Detroit attempted to break up the University of Islam and to compel its students to return to the public schools. This precipitated violent resistance. Fearful of race riots, the courts released with suspended sentence almost all of the rioters.

More serious difficulties arose over the question of human sacrifice. It is said that Fard taught that it was the duty of every Moslem to offer as sacrifices four "Caucasian devils" in order that he might return to his home in Mecca. On November 21, 1932, the people of Detroit became acutely conscious of the presence of the cult through its first widely publicized human sacrifice. A prominent member, Robert Harris, renamed Robert Karriem, erected an altar in his home and invited his roomer, John J. Smith, to offer himself as a human sacrifice so that he might become "the Savior of the world." According to Harris, Smith agreed, and at the appointed hour for the sacrifice—9:00 A.M.—Harris plunged a knife into Smith's heart.

The next day the *Detroit Times* noted:

An Asiatic trend among Negro dole recipients of the Elmwood district, noted at the time as a passing whim, today came back with horror to two women welfare workers on learning that the fanatical Robert Harris had intended them for human sacrifice as infidels. . . . Harris stated to the police that each of these was a "no-good Christian," and that they would have been sacrificed if he knew where he could have found them.

In 1933 the Prophet of Islam had organized the Detroit temple so thoroughly that he himself was able to recede into the background, appearing very seldom to his followers during his first months in Detroit, and this mysterious aloofness fostered the belief that he was indeed the "Supreme Ruler of the Universe" or, as he had called himself, the God Allah.

Not all his followers, however, believed in Fard's divinity, and controversy over this was one of the several causes of dissension in the movement. As a direct consequence of an internal dispute, the Chicago branch of the Nation of Islam was established in the latter part of 1933 or early 1934.

In 1933 Fard left Detroit, disappearing altogether so far as any authoritative record is concerned. Some of his Detroit followers

immediately identified him with the God Allah, claiming that he had returned to the Holy City of Mecca. Others continued to regard him simply as their prophet. A split occurred, and that faction favorable to the dedication of the cult's founder assumed "Temple people" as a name, severed all connections with the parent group, and eventually set up its headquarters in Chicago under Elijah Mohammed whose "slave" name had been Robert Poole. In September 1942 Elijah Mohammed and other members of the Chicago Temple of Islam were collared by the FBI and charged with evading the draft and influencing others to do so as well as maintaining seditious relations with the Japanese government. The latter indictment more or less petered out. The Islamites would be likely to gravitate toward any nation of colored people engaged in combat with the "Caucasian devil." Their aversion to registration of any sort antedated the war with Japan by several years.

Temple people have isolated themselves politically, economically, and socially from both white men and non members of their own race. The economic confusion and upheaval attending the depression they explained by quoting Elijah Mohammed's assertion that the white man's rule of the world actually ended in 1914, and that Allah is preparing to wipe out this "spook civilization" which has been existing on borrowed time.

So the Islamites' refusal to register for the draft indicated no new tendency. Cult members have always been particularly virulent in their denunciations of Roosevelt and the New Deal. In their opinion, the WPA and all other alphabetical agencies were subtle efforts on the part of white men to save what is left of their dying civilization by getting "original" black men to sign up with them and give a number. They eschew social-security numbers and reference numbers as manifestations of the "white devil's" aptitude for tricknology.

"Roosevelt," reads a piece of typewritten temple literature, "gave you a social-security number just to hold you and now he's getting ready to call in these numbers and give you a stamp. . . . He's going to put a stamp on you, the mark of the beast. You signed up with the devil and he gives you the filthy crumbs from his table like the rich man gave the man Lazarus."

Among the Negroes caught in the FBI dragnet and subsequently convicted of conspiracy to thwart the selective-service law was Mrs. Mittie M. L. Gordon, leader of the Ethiopian-Pacific Movement, an outgrowth of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia.

The Peace Movement of Ethiopia was formed originally to help the Ethiopians in the Italo-Ethiopian war of 1935-36, but when the conflict was over, the members, who had in the meantime separated into warring factions, carried on a nationalistic and "Back-to-Africa" campaign. Though all the Chicago organizations directly descended from the UNIA boasted a combined membership of less than a thousand members, they united in 1939 to sponsor enthusiastically a proposal by Senator Theodore ("The Man") Bilbo of Mississippi that Negroes desiring to go back to Africa should be speeded on their way with federal assistance. Three hundred Chicago lobbyists representing remnants of the Garvey legion assembled a fleet of dilapidated trucks and headed for Washington to lend moral support to "The Man." Most of them never arrived, for the rickety trucks began breaking down before they had left the Chicago city limits behind.

Mrs. Gordon was first summoned before federal authorities on August 25, 1941, to answer to the charge of influencing young Negro men against registering for the draft. She denied this allegation, and asserted that the principal object of her organization was to transport American Negroes to Liberia. She said that approximately 4,000,000 people were affiliated with the movement, since all of them had signed petitions endorsing the Bilbo recommendation. Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson, she pointed out, had favored similar action. She went on:

Those men knew the two races couldn't live together. And our race is dying out through amalgamation. There are 8,000,000 mulattoes in the United States now. Whites should remain white and blacks should remain black. Africa is our country and that's where we want to go to the soil of Liberia.

Mrs. Gordon produced a letter from Edwin Barclay, President of Liberia, in which he cautiously said that the country "would welcome selected emigrants who were fitted for the pioneering life." "The government should use the relief money now being

sent on blacks here to transport a self-respecting blacks to Liberia," said Mrs. Gordon, herself on the relief rolls.

From passive resistance, as manifested by her agitation against registration for the draft, Mrs. Gordon and her followers evidently shifted to active advocacy of the cause of Japan after Pearl Harbor. This she was joined by several other leaders preaching hatred to the white man and fraternity with the Japanese and other colored races.

While Mrs. Gordon and the Peace Movement of Ethiopia sought to apply Garvey's remedy for the Negro question—migration to Africa—the "Moors" and Islamites sought escape by seceding—or attempting to secede—from the white man's society as well as from the ranks of American Negroes, and also by establishing their superiority. The "Moors" insist that their identification with an ancient culture gives them an immediate advantage over the Johnny-come-lately white man. The Islamites regard the "cavvy" as an arte, bleached out descendant of the "original" black man. The "vics" have further corrupted themselves by mating with beasts, but they are now beasts themselves. This, it may be remembered, is the face of "Professor" Charles Carroll's theory that Negroes are not human for a similar reason. The "Moors" have talked much of "taking over the government of the United States," but since the outbreak of World War II they have modified this ambitious ambition drastically. The Islamites speak of a return to Africa in a symbolical or spiritual sense. Neither of the "Asiatic" has expressed more than academic interest in "Back to Africa."

While "Moors," Islamites, and leaders of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia and the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World were glorifying Marcus Garvey, and hailing him as the John the Baptist of the campaign to arouse the Negro to racial consciousness, the leader of the UNIA was trying to rebuild his shattered organization from exile in Jamaica. Somehow or other he managed to keep a magazine, the *Black Man*, going. He eventually gave up the struggle in Jamaica and returned to London, perhaps hoping to rekindle some of the evangelical zeal he found there when he first arrived. He revived the grandiose scheme of recapturing the continent of Africa for its rightful heirs. In 1938 he appealed in the *Black Man*

for one thousand students to attend his School of African-Philosophy. He planned to train a corps of diplomats, interpreters, economists, and other specialists to be ready for service when Africa's hour should strike.

A dwindling band of the faithful stuck with Garvey through thick and thin. On May Day 1938 a parade of the Royal African Legions marched through Harlem. There were the titled dignitaries of the UNIA—the dukes and lords and knight commanders of the Distinguished Order of Ethiopia and the knight commanders of the Supreme Order of the Nile. Their uniforms were resplendent, their heads high and proud. But the procession was only two blocks long, a sad comedown from the palmy days. A huge limousine carried in its back seat a life-size portrait of the absent leader. Harlemites assembled along the line of march to cheer the image of the cocky little Jamaican.

At the head of the parade pranced a richly caparisoned horse bearing the majestic figure of a gigantic Negro arrayed in barbaric splendor. Reporters sought to question him, but discovered that the interrogation had to be done through an interpreter, for, it was explained, the rider was an African prince who understood no English.

"We are showing the world Dr. Garvey isn't forgotten although he is many miles away," the black prince said gravely.

Marcus Garvey died in London in 1940. He was not an old man, only fifty-three—but unceasing failure since his release from Atlanta had worn down his spirit. Perhaps as he lay dying he thought of a derisive jingle he had heard often during his sojourn in Harlem.

*When a monkey-chaser dies,
Don't need no undertaker.
Just throw him in the Harlem River—
He'll float back to Jamaica.*

But Garvey was never going back to Jamaica. What was more, he would never set foot on the hot, rich soil of Africa he had sworn to wrest away from the white interlopers. Curiously enough, he had never found the time or the opportunity to visit the land of his ancestors.